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# HAPPY NEW YEAR





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## Holiday Greetings From Surgeon General

To: All Hands, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Medical Department Activities.

As the second year of my incumbency as Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery comes to its conclusion, it is with a keen awareness of the magnificent support the Medical Department of the Navy has received from both civilian and service components that I greet you at this time.

One year ago it was my expressed hope that civilians and service personnel alike might, with unfaltering faith and fortitude, continue to move forward in the face of obstacles we were certain to encounter. This they have done in a manner which bespeaks a kind of unanimity of purpose and loyalty that knows no bounds.

The third year dawns no less auspiciously than its forerunner. With the guidance of Providence and a continuation of your splendid support in the future, I have no doubt of our enduring success.

It is with an intermingled sense of pride, gratitude, and profound appreciation that I am again privileged to extend to you all my kindest regards and sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Health, Happiness, and Prosperity throughout the coming year.

C. A. Swanson,  
Rear Admiral (MC),  
Surgeon General, U. S. Navy.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### FORWARD WITH GOD

The chief factor in the orientation of any individual to this confused modern world is his adjustment to the living God. This world of ours belongs to Him. If we fail to adapt ourselves to Him, pain and disaster follow. In this mysterious universe we cannot insist on our own selfish way and find abundant life. The fulfillment of our high destiny demands as a prime requisite, that we be right with God and proceed with Him.

We need God because in Him and in Him alone can our souls find their final and adequate satisfaction and fulfillment. Do not expect a quiet, uninterrupted course. Your life will not be all calm. God never promised that. There will be storms in your life and in the world about you. But let none of these things fill you with fear. For remember, the man who meets life with God can stand anything, and in the fiercest adversity he will know the joy and peace that belong to a conqueror.

In the busy and perhaps perilous days that lie before you in the coming New Year, steadfastly devote some time to the practice of God's presence. An opportunity which God alone can measure is awaiting you. As you advance toward it, pray for grace to see it through the eyes of divine wisdom in order that by the help of divine power you can make most of it. Keep your vision clear and your hope bright, and walk with the indomitable courage and confidence of one whose feet are set in the highway of God.

Submitted by:

B. T. Poznanski, Catholic Chaplain.

## First Page Pictures

The first page pictures depict pre-Christmas day scenes about the hospital. An obvious impression one gets is that the children were awed and amazed, while adults were "happy about the whole thing." Starting at the top left, the photographer on his rounds about the station, snapped J. A. Fulton, HMC, as he distributed gifts to the civilian and military personnel working in the Administration Building; top right, the group who participated in a Christmas party held in Surgery; center left, children of staff members following Santa with their eyes as he made his way through the auditorium during the Children's Christmas Party; center inset, three members of the Veterans Christmas Committee decorating a tree in Ship's Service lobby. It was this committee that was responsible for the excellent decorations seen on the hospital compound. In the right center and lower left pictures, Santa Claus gives gifts to his awe-struck subjects. Disbursing Officer personnel are gathered about their Christmas tree in the lower right photo. Credit for influencing Santa Claus to appear at the Children's Christmas Party goes to CDR T. D. Cuttle, MC, USN.

## Santa Welcomes Early Xmas Day Arrivals



James Arthur Baker II, Lynda Lea Wilkinson, and Mary Jane Salais were born early enough Christmas morn to intercept Santa Claus before he left Oak Knoll.

Because of the three babies, two obstetricians and a nurse were also on hand to greet Santa. They are, left to right, LTJG C. A. Harvey, LTJG Mary P. Molloy, NC and LTJG W. R. Boyd.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Your birthday as my own to me is dear.  
Blest and distinguish'd days! which we should prize

The first, the kindest bounty of the skies.

MARTIAL—Epigrams.

Twenty-seven births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period December 19 to 25 inclusive. Statistics follow:

### December 19

RIEDER, Pamela Margaret—To wife of John J. Rieder, LT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

KENYON, Christina—To wife of Charles Kenyon, CSC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

HAMPTON, Mark Thomas—To wife of George J. Hampton, ET2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

PALMER, John Robert—To wife of Harry T. Palmer, BMC, 9 pounds.

SPRAYBERRY, (Girl)—To wife of Jesse L. Sprayberry, AM1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

### December 20

LASETER, (Girl)—To wife of U. C. Laseter, SKC, 6 pounds.

GAUDETTE, (Girl)—To wife of Charles W. Gaudette, HM2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

FEQUER, Constance Joann—To wife of Arnold E. Feguer, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

CANADY, Susan Carol—To wife of George L. Canady, BMC, 7 pounds, 3½ ounces.

### December 21

CABLE, Martha Andrea—To wife of Luther N. Cable, AN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

MORRIS, Ann Gretchen—To wife of Robert L. Morris, LT, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

THOMPSON, Mark Joseph—To wife of Paul Thompson, Jr., ADC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

SAVAGE, Merry Belle—To wife of Luther W. Savage, AD2, 7 pounds.

### December 22

KARPE, (Girl)—To wife of Miles B. Karpe, FN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

MILLER, Penelope Anne—To wife of Stephen J. Miller, CHBOSN(Ret), 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

MILLS, John Gafney—To wife of Hubert P. Mills, LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

HEATH, Thomas Allan—To wife of Harold J. Heath, MMC, 10 pounds, 6½ ounces.

### December 23

PEPITONE, Grace Elayne—To wife of Milton R. Pepitone, ME2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

LADD, Paul Eugene—To wife of Floyd Ladd, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

### December 24

WARREN, John Francis—To wife of John I. Warren, SN, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

### December 25

OUAIL, Leonard John II—To wife of L. J. Ouail, AM1, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

SALAI, Mary Jane—To wife of George Salais, AD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

WILKINSON, Lynda Lea—To wife of Clarence E. Wilkinson, AO3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

BAKER, James Arthur II—To wife of J. A. Baker, AD2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

BALLARD, John Robert—To wife of William H. Ballard, AM2, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

LEONARD, Steven Edward—To wife of Walter A. Leonard, AD3, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

MARSHALL, Mary Ellen—To wife of Lawrence E. Marshall, FA, 7 pounds.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1030

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass, Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.



# Their Eternal Question Is—Number Please?



The Yuletide holidays meant busy days for Oak Knoll's staff of nine telephone operators. Pictured above are four of the nine who service the switch boards for the hospital. Left to right, they are Jane Cook, chief operator, Jerry Nerton, Dorothy Donnelly, and Lou Vernon.

## Isolated Operators Reveal Themselves

We, the station telephone operators, in our capacity as the pulse of the compound, enjoy serving all—from the Medical Officer in Command to the hospital apprentice recently received from corps school.

Have you ever thought of your work in mathematical terms? Ours is in that category. We save time and effort by answering your calls as quickly as possible by joining the shortest distance between two points, which, as everyone knows, is a straight line.

Do you know who serves you? Our Chief Operator is Miss Jane Cook, she supervises a twenty-four hour shift and does a commendable job with her eight operators.

Her day shift includes Dorothy Donnelly, Jerry Nerton, Irma Hancock, and Lou Vernon; the swing shift is worked by Billie Rigg and Lorraine Conlan; and the graveyard shift by Ethel Gray and Gladys Scott. Miss Gray has been on night duty at the switchboard for the past four years.

Glancing quickly over our staff we see: Dorothy Donnelly—our ambitious young lady, adept at knitting the most beautiful sweaters. Jerry Nerton—our studious one, who is forever studying bookkeeping, etc. Irma Hancock—the youthful lady on our staff claiming to be a grandmother at a very young age. Lou Vernon—who finds diversion in the field of sports—preferably bowling. Billie Rigg—our youngest operator, who has a bouncing boy nearly a year old. Lorraine Conlan—the newcomer in our midst. Ethel Gray—our sunshine operator, who always tries and succeeds in any work she interests herself in. Last but not least—our South Carolina operator, Gladys Scott. Her southern brogue is a natural.

We hope that our small contribution to the station's life does not pass unnoticed; and as your friends and operators, we join in wishing one and all a "Happy and Prosperous New Year!"

—Lou Vernon.

## Here and There

The Christmas wrapping service which proved so popular with both patients and staff members, was conducted on the whole by officers' wives whose hours were already crowded with personal preparations for Christmas.

This act of altruism on the part of these ladies deserves a hearty well done from all hands and the Oak Leaf feels that it speaks for all hands when it says **WELL DONE** to this group of volunteer workers.

The twenty-three ladies who comprised the group were Mmes. R. M. Gillett, A. C. Abernethy, C. E. Bentel, Dorothy Carlisle, C. R. Carr, R. E. Douglas, H. K. Erwin, J. A. Fusco, J. W. Hardwick, Harold Hirshland, A. C. Hohn, J. W. Howard, C. L. Klein, Page Northington, J. A. Pease, J. R. Pollock, Jr., R. R. Powell, R. W. Price, F. M. Thornburg, K. H. Vin-nedge, M. R. Wirthlin, and Mlles. Virginia Connell and Shirley Hengen.

The chief petty officer clubs at Treasure Island, and Naval Air Station, Alameda, have planned New Year's Eve parties. Festivities begin at 2000 at both clubs. No reservations are being accepted, and there is an admission charge of one dollar per couple at the Naval Air Station club.

At the suggestion of the Mayor of San Francisco, the Armed Forces Assistance Committee has been re-activated. This committee aids servicemen who encounter unsatisfactory business dealings in San Francisco. The committee is associated with the San Francisco Convention and Tour-ist Bureau and with the Better Business Bureau, and its office is located in Room 301, 15 Stockton St., San Francisco. Personnel who suspicion that they have been unfairly dealt with by a business firm, should contact this committee for aid.

Women still remember the first kiss after men have forgotten the last.—Remy de Gourmont.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**RESOLUTIONS:** We, the American Red Cross, do hereby resolve that in this New Year of 1949: There will be more and prettier girls at the Lounge parties, bigger and better entertainment on the wards, plenty of scotch tape at the Gray Lady wrapping table (where you wrap packages—not Gray Ladies!), more and varied equipment for the Craft Shop, and a longer fishing season with less rough weather! (We're trying to make a deal with the Almanac on that one . . .) We resolve to check all wards and clean out bag rooms in an effort to locate wandering musical instruments, phonographs, and recording machines. We will no longer be so selfish as to carry boxes and bundles upstairs to our offices in Ship's Service Building with several nice men nearby just yearning to help us, nor will we stub our toes when carrying jugs of cider! We resolve that our cookies and cakes will be fresh, homemade, and delicious, and that the station wagon rides for patients will go to the most beautiful and interesting places. Anyone who wants to learn to write stories, play the guitar or piano, paint pictures, develop photos, collect stamps, or plant a garden will be provided with the necessary materials and help. We will keep our fingers and toes crossed in hopes that the 16 mm. movie equipment will reach the proper way on the proper night and that there will be fewer machine break-downs and disappointments. We resolve to have all necessary recreational supplies and comfort articles for the patients and to maintain and provide the very essential social service work which constitutes a major part of our program. We can think of other things too, but—enough of this, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**LOOKING BACKWARDS:** Not on the whole year past, but on recent happenings that bring vivid memories: "Little Joe" Hurwitz, ward 45A, who donned a Santa Claus suit and, heralded by the odor of hot-mulled cider, passed out gifts on 61 A and B and 46 B. . . The junior contingent on the pediatrics ward who were sure that Santa Claus was going to arrive on a special **NAVY PLANE!** . . . That little garden in an apple box on 61 A which is growing under the loving and tender care of George W. Barnes, Veteran patient. . . the Wrestling Demonstration in the Lounge which was arranged by J. Holt (who runs the service station on the base.) He brought Dr. Northrup from San Francisco and Doc knows a thing or two about wrestling! Holt obliged as a subject for these demonstrations, and the fact that he still can navigate around in good shape attests to his own skill. It was a grand—and very rugged—show! . . . On ward 41 A this last Thursday night everyone was busy giving the French fashion designers a few pointers on hat making. These talented patients snipped, pinned, and trimmed several nifty little numbers featuring multicolored paper, tinfoil and cellophane. And believe us, the results you couldn't get in Gimbal's Basement for a dollar ninety-seven! A style parade with prizes awarded to the most original creations climaxed this artistic occasion.

## RADM Joel T. Boone Elected To Presidency Of Surgeons Association

Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, General Inspector of the Naval Medical Department, was elected president of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States for 1949, at their recent meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Admiral Boone, who also serves as the Executive Secretary for the Committee on Medical and Hospital Services of the Armed Forces, is the eleventh Naval Medical Officer to be elected as president of the Association.

Established in 1801, the organization, whose members include regular and reserve officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Veterans Administration, Public Health and National Guard, is one of the oldest existing medico-military societies in the world.

Graduating from Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, the Admiral entered the Navy in 1914. He was personal physician from 1922 to 1933, to President Harding, President Coolidge, and President Hoover.

During World War II, Admiral Boone served at the Naval Air Station, San Diego, and as Medical Officer in Command of the Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington.

In addition to being elected president of the Military Surgeons, the Admiral was also honored recently by being selected Navy representative to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association meeting in St. Louis.

"Good morning, Mrs. Kelly," said the doctor, "did you take your husband's temperature, as I told you?"

"Yes, Doctor, I borrowed a barometer and placed it on his chest; it said 'very dry,' so I bought him a pint of beer and he's gone back to work."

## • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 2 January

**YELLOW SKY**

Gregory Peck—Ann Baxter

**Free Enterprise—News**

Monday, 3 January

**COCKEYED MIRACLE**

Frank Morgan—Keenan Wynn

**I Love My Wife But**

Tuesday, 4 January

**BOY WITH THE GREEN HAIR**

Pat O'Brien—Barbara Hale

**Who's Delinquent?**

Wednesday, 5 January

**JUNGLE JIM**

J. Weismuller—Virginia Grey

**Mummies Dummies**

Thursday, 6 January

**MY OWN TRUE LOVE**

Phyllis Calvert—Melvyn Douglas

**Symphony in Spinach**

Friday, 7 January

**YOU GOTTA STAY HAPPY**

Joan Fontaine—James Stewart

**Short—News**

Saturday, 8 January

**MICHIGAN KID**

Jon Hall—Rita Johnson

**Wacky Weed**

**NOTE!** On Thursday evening, January 6th, a number of University of California girls will be here at the Lounge for a gala New Year's Dance. Time, seven o'clock!



## Civilian Board Urges Military Pay Raise; Early Action Expected

The report of a civilian investigating group, headed by Charles R. Hook, which recommended pay increases averaging 15 per cent for the armed forces, was released by Secretary of Defense Forrestal last week.

Although the average would be 15 per cent, pay boosts granted to various grades of officers and men would fluctuate widely. For example: rear admirals with thirty years service would be increased 58.18 per cent; ensigns 25 per cent; chief petty officers with 10 years service 34.21 per cent; recruits, no increase.

The commission said that, "so far as practicable," pay and other compensation should be comparable with similar civilian jobs.

Defense Secretary Forrestal told a news conference that the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force are in "general agreement on the broad, major provisions of the report." He said he expected to forward it shortly to the Budget Bureau for transmission to the President.

Among additions to the base pay increase proposals, the commission recommended: 1)—It suggested stopping extra pay to officers and warrant officers for sea or foreign duty, but retaining it for enlisted men. It also recommended extra "inducement pay" for doctors, surgeons and dentists, badly needed by the armed forces. 2)—Free death benefit up to \$1,000 for all personnel on active and retired rolls, instead of the present gratuity of six months pay and life insurance. 3)—Changes in the present retirement system, which makes the officer eligible for retirement after twenty years. It would give him the right to retire if he has twenty or more years of service and is 60 years of age, or to retire at any age after thirty years service. Enlisted men would have the same retirement right, except it would become operative at 50 years of age with twenty years service. As to disability retirement, the commission would require 30 per cent disability, under Veterans Administration standards.

Until Congress raises pay, the commission said, income tax exemptions for military personnel should be resumed. This law, which expired on December 31, 1948, exempted the entire pay of enlisted personnel and allowed \$1,500 exemption for officers.

Poor Government housing and lack of private housing stand out as a major threat to recruiting and retention of desirable officers and men, the commission stated. The Government "should make all efforts to fulfill its obligation to accommodate members of the uniformed forces, preferably on military installations."

### ATTENTION STATION BOWLERS!

All station bowlers interested in forming a league for the season's second half are urged to attend the meeting scheduled to be held in the station auditorium at 1300 Monday, 3 January.

The invitation to attend this meeting is extended to ALL personnel, whether they have or have not participated in previous station competition.

## Proposed Pay Scale Awaiting Congressional Action

OFFICERS													
Rank	MONTHLY								Rental		Subsistence		
	Annual Base Pay	Base Pay	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years	w/dep.	w/o dep.	w/dep.	w/o dep.	
R. Admiral (UH)	10440	870	900	930	960	990	1020	1050	195	150	45	45	
R. Admiral (LH)	8640	720	750	780	810	840	870	900	180	135	45	45	
Captain	7200	600	630	660	690	720	750	780	165	120	45	45	
Commander	5760	480	510	540	570	600	630	660	150	105	45	45	
Lt. Commander	4680	390	420	450	480	510	540	570	135	90	45	45	
Lieutenant	3960	330	360	390	420	450	480	510	105	75	45	45	
Lieutenant (jg)	3240	270	300	330	360	390	420	450	90	60	45	45	
Ensign	2880	240	270	300	330	360	390	420	60	45	45	45	

Note: Extra allowances—Fleet Admiral, \$420 per month. Admiral, \$210 per month. Vice Admiral, \$90 per month. Longevity, \$30 a month increase every five years up to 30 years.

WARRANT OFFICERS												
	Annual Base Pay	Base Pay	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years	Rental w/ dep.	w/o dep.	Subsistence w/ dep.	w/o dep.
First Grade												
Commissioned Warrant Officers after *12 years creditable commissioned service	3960	330	360	390	420	450	480	510	105	75	45	45
Second Grade												
Commissioned Warrant Officers after *6 years creditable commissioned service	3600	300	330	360	390	420	450	480	90	60	45	45
Third Grade												
Commissioned Warrant Officers up to 6 years creditable commissioned service	3240	270	300	330	360	390	420	450	90	60	45	45
Fourth Grade												
Warrant Officers	2880	270	270	300	330	360	390	420	60	45	45	45
Longevity, \$30 a month increase every five years up to 30 years. *The required commissioned service with creditable record at present is 20 and 10 years respectively for the first and second grades.												

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ENLISTED PERSONNEL											Extra Allowances	
	Annual Base Pay	Base Pay	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years	Rental w/dep	wo/dep	(1)—Reenlistment Bonus	
											(2)—Terminal Leave Pay	
1st Grade	2700	225	240	255	270	285	300	300	60	45	(3)—Commuted Rations w/deps.	
2nd Grade	2160	180	195	210	225	240	255	255	60	45	(4)—Initial and Main. Clothing All.	
3rd Grade	1800	150	165	180	195	210	225	225	60	45	(5)—Discharge Travel Pay	
4th Grade	1440	120	135	150	165	180	195	195	(6)	(6)	(6)—Money All. in lieu of Qtrs.	
5th Grade	1080	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	(6)	(6)	(7)—Money All. in lieu of Subs.	
6th Grade	900	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	(6)	(6)	(8)—Pay for Dist. Ser. Awards	
7th Grade	720	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	(6)	(6)		

Longevity. \$15 a month increase for each five years service up to 25 years.

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## New Order Will Govern Privately-Owned Cars On Hospital Reservation

A Medical Officer in Command memorandum, published 22 December, is reprinted below for the information of personnel driving privately-owned motor vehicles aboard the station.

Effective 15 January 1949, all privately-owned motor vehicles of staff and patient personnel and civilian employees of this hospital, which are driven in and parked on the hospital station in an assigned parking space, will be required to display a "metal" registration (identification) tag.

On 15 January 1949, the "paper decal" registration tag, which is now in use, will become null and void and vehicles which fail to display the new metal registration tag will not be permitted to enter the hospital station except under the regulations for "temporary registration tags" as required by hospital order No. 51.

Effective 5 January 1949, the "metal" registration (identification) tags will be issued by the Security Office (1st deck—Building No. 1) under the regulations as required by hospital order No. 51, and in addition, motor vehicles will be required to satisfactorily pass a SAFETY INSPECTION which will be conducted by the Transportation Officer of the hospital.

The "metal" registration tags will be issued in colors as follows:  
BLACK—Officers (Staff and Patients).

GREEN—Enlisted (Staff and Patients).

YELLOW—Civilians (Employees and Patients).

Patients will be issued "metal" registration (identification) tags and as-

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—1946 Pontiac "6" Sedan—ette, radio, heater, in good condition. \$1800.00 Call Ext. 263.

FOR SALE—Table for sectional furniture; also blond coffee table, round. Practically new. Call Ext. 16.

LOST—Watch, lady's Bulova, yellow gold with an expansion band. If found please contact Mrs. E. R. Holmberg, 417 Stevens Road, Mt. View, Calif.

WANTED TO RENT—Three or four large rooms, furnished or partly furnished, close to hospital or bus transportation; no children or pets; considerate tenant. To \$50.00 Call Miss Leonard, Ext. 151.

FOR SALE—"Easy" Whirl Dry apartment type washing machine. Good condition. \$40.00. Call Mr. Trotter at Extension 266.

FOR SALE—Baby buggy, crib for 1 yr. old and 6 yr. old. Table high chair in good condition. Will sell separately or together. Call Chief Culp, Extension 195.

FOR SALE—Suit of CPO Aviation Greens, size 40 coat, 32 pants. \$20.00. Call Chief Moore, Ext. 292.

FOR SALE—Beautifully carved Chinese chest, never used. Size: 20 x 22 x 48. Worth \$250.00, will sell for \$150.00. Can be seen at 2340 Mono Ave., El Cerrito. Phone Richmond 3146-R.

signed to parking spaces only on the recommendation of the ward medical officer of the patient concerned and approved by the Executive Officer in each case.

FOR SALE—1938 Nash sedan. New paint, good tires, and motor completely rebuilt. Radio and heater. Must be seen to be appreciated. Price—\$850. Call Chief Brown at Ext. 285.

FOR SALE—Deluxe Thayer baby carriage in perfect condition. Original price—\$65. Sell for \$35. Call Ext. 133 or TR. 2-2104.

FOR SALE—1946 super deluxe 2-door Ford. Radio and heater. Excellent condition. Price—\$1450. Call Chief Owen at Ext. 271.

From  
To

U. S. Naval Hospital  
Oakland 14, California

(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

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## Veteran's Wife, Son Arrive From England

Gerald Ramsey, 26-year-old veteran patient on Ward 64B, last Monday had a happy reunion with his British wife and saw for the first time his 23-months-old-son, Terrence.

Ramsey, a master sergeant in the 45th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, and Violet Farrow met and were married in 1944 while he was recovering from war wounds in an army hospital in London. Later they came to California, but Mrs. Ramsey returned to England to have her baby. Unforeseen red tape made her return to this country extremely complicated, and it was not until December 27 that she was able to leave the British Isles.

Flown here by Army Air Transport, she and her son will make their home with Ramsey's parents in nearby Pittsburg until he is able to leave the hospital.



A thrilling moment for Gerald Ramsey, veteran patient on Ward 64B, came last Monday when he saw for the first time his 23-months-old son, Terrence. The boy and his mother arrived in the Bay Area last weekend from England.

## Typing, Math, Photography Offered at Night Classes

Night classes, accredited for high school graduation and college entrance, got under way here Monday, and many new enrollees are expected to report for study next week, according to Chief W. Wilson of Educational Services.

Teachers, employed by the Oakland Department of Education are here to instruct staff members and patients, and it is hoped that a large number will take advantage of the opportunity provided. Sessions are held from 1915 to 2115 in Building 133, and at the present time the schedule is as follows:

Monday and Wednesday—Typing and Mathematics.

Wednesday—Photography.

Tuesday and Thursday — English and History.

Although the classes opened this week, they are run on an achievement basis, and students may enroll at any time, completing their courses at their own speed. Personnel interested are urged to call Chief Wilson at Extension 22 for more detailed information.

## HUSBAND'S JEST BAIT

San Francisco (AFPS) — Woodward Malone was only kidding, of course, when he told his wife the best fish bait was fried bacon, a slice of tomato and a geranium.

Mrs. Malone didn't know that, however, when she went on her first fishing trip. She followed his advice and caught the day's limit.

## CAFI, 2, 3 Exams Announced

Of interest to civilian workers on the compound is the announcement of an examination for grades CAF 1 through 3. Date for the examination has not been set, but applications close Monday, 10 January. Those wishing to take the examination are advised to report to the Civilian Personnel Office early Monday morning to fill out the proper forms.

## Training Courses Due

Examinations for advancement to ratings of HM1, HM2, and HM3 will be held on 1 February, 1949.

BuPers training courses must be completed before a person becomes eligible for advancement in rating. Training courses will be completed and delivered to the Educational Service Office (Top side — Building No. 133) prior to 1 February, 1949.

## Thanks To All Hands

Intended for all members of the staff is the following message which the Commanding Officer received this week from the hospital's Red Cross Field Director.

Dear Captain Broadus:

*The Red Cross staff and Gray Ladies join me in sending a most sincere and hearty Happy New Year to you and all hands of this hospital. We would like to say to the corpsmen and nurses on the wards that we don't know how we would have "made it" on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day if it had not been for the fine and cooperative spirit in which they assisted us in planning activities, preparing the patients for coming events, lifting equipment, and helping us to make things go smoothly. The interest and enthusiasm which they showed in the entertainment and shows helped us a great deal to bring a more enjoyable program to the patients and reflected an attitude of cooperation that has been continuous throughout the year.*

*We would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the helpful and understanding cooperation which you and all officers under your command have given us during the year to enable us to give a more effective service to the patients.*

*To all on board, a Happy New Year!*

MARIE ADAMS,  
Field Director  
American Red Cross.

## 1949 March O' Dimes Needs Your Support

Chaplain E. C. Andrews has been named Oak Knoll's director of this year's drive to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Pointing out that in 1948 polio victims totaled around 26,000, approximately the number stricken in the record year of 1916, Chaplain Andrews said that one significant advance has been the modern care and treatment now available compared with that which was available thirty years ago. He added, however, that the soaring costs of such treatment increased in proportion to costs of almost everything else.

"No matter what the cost," the Chaplain continued, "the all-important factor is improved care of those who have been stricken. The long-range objective, of course, is the research which eventually will lead to elimination of polio itself. Those are the weighty reasons for our appeal to personnel aboard this station for liberal contributions to the March of Dimes."

## 23 New Federal Employees Bolster Civilian Staff

Twenty-three civilians — twelve men and eleven women — were added to the station's work force during the month of December, records of the Civilian Personnel Office reveal.

The new workers and their jobs are: Lela P. Mattos, Twila M. Perich, Zoe Williams, and Delia M. Crump, staff nurses; Catherine Emery, hospital attendant; Vivian A. Swofford and Laverne E. Paulson, clerk typists; Ethel G. Leonhard, medical records librarian; Robert Lewis and Joseph D. Patterson, laborers; Clara Hooper, Fanny L. Vandigriff, and Cleo B. Holly, maids; Raymond D. Mack, Alonzo Jackson, Percy Hall, Bobby S. Sanders, Alonzo W. McNeal, John B. Becknell, Lonnie Coulter, Roland Curry, Adolphus Jacobs, and Simmie L. Thompson, mess attendants.

## Through the Courtesy of—

San Marino (SEA) — "Calling all cars, Calling the army! Go to 'Joe's' at the corner of Bee and Cee streets where you can buy the biggest and best hamburger in town for a dime." Such might be the announcement should one tune in to the one-kilowatt station at San Marino (Italy)—the world's smallest republic. The programs consist mainly of advertisements and orders to the country's 20 policemen and 12 soldiers.



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## March of Dimes Drive

The most crucial March of Dimes campaign in history opens Friday, 14 January, here at Oak Knoll, as well as in all other sections of the United States.

The 1949 appeal for funds to fight infantile paralysis is aimed at enabling local chapters to finance the fight against possible epidemics next summer while at the same time allowing it to participate in the various activities of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The campaign continues through 31 January.

Last summer the nation suffered one of the most devastating polio epidemics in its history, with approximately 26,000 cases. Local chapters and national headquarters were called upon to render aid to stricken communities in widely scattered areas at greater cost than ever before. It was a challenge which was met, but in meeting it, emergency funds were completely exhausted. This 18-day drive must produce results sufficient to provide care for all those who may be stricken during the next 12 months' period.

It is our responsibility to see to it now, that every possible aid can be given to our children and our neighbor's children, should infantile paralysis strike next summer. We hope we may escape this year. But hope alone is a fool's weapon. We know greater contributions to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are needed in its fight to help where polio has stricken, to help those who were stricken in previous years, and to carry on the important research which eventually will erase infantile paralysis from the list of dangers facing our children. So, this year, give at least 50 per cent more to fight polio.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### A Cheerful Prayer

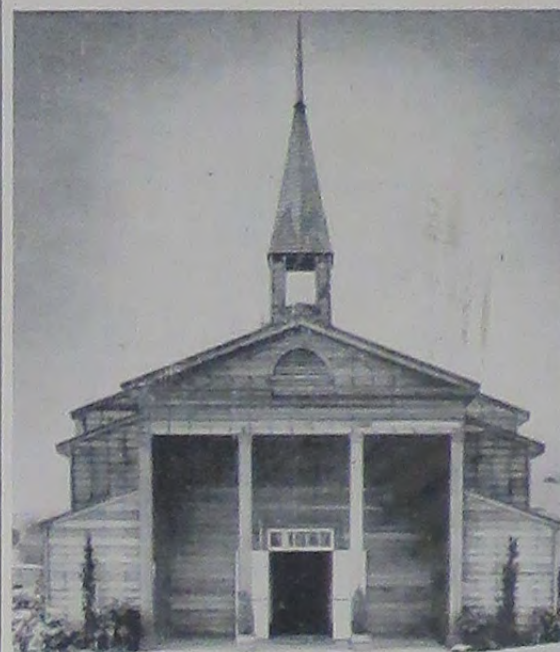
Give me a good digestion, Lord,  
And also something to digest.  
Give me a healthy body, Lord,  
With sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,  
To keep the good and pure in sight,  
Which seeing sin is not appalled,  
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,  
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.  
Don't let me worry overmuch  
About the fussy thing called I.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life,  
And pass it on to other folk.

—These stanzas, discovered on a tablet in England's Chester Cathedral, were submitted by Chaplain E. C. Andrews.



## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1030

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**FACTS ABOUT FOLKS:** They always make a big fuss about New Year's babies, but think of all the January Firsters who have grown up and are still in circulation. WILLIAM WARD, Veteran, 61A, was a New Year's Baby once, so everyone on the ward had a chance to say "Happy Birthday, Bill, Happy New Year!" Someone who came close to January first is JESSE MOSS, PFC, MC, 46A, who was twenty years old on December 31. Now, if Jesse had been born a race horse he would have been a whole year old the day after he was born! (Well, don't blame us... we didn't invent that system.) RICHARD WATTS, ABAN, 43A, reminds us of that story of the sculptor feller who carved out a statue of a girl named Galatea — sort of an old fashioned name — and she was so beautiful that he fell in love with her! Richard has named his statue Dianne III which sounds something like a motor boat, but she doesn't look anything like one. Dianne III is getting prettier every day and can be seen down at the Red Cross Craft Shop, Building 102. LT R. B. COMSTOCK, patient on 40A, has been in this hospital for about a year now. Comstock has a record of twenty-four years of active duty with the Navy. This patient has acquired some very fine 16mm movie equipment of his own and is generous about sharing his pleasure with others. He has shown some excellent football movies on Ward 41A recently and intends to continue with a variety of films on other wards.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-nine births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period December 26 to January 1 inclusive. Statistics follow:

### December 26

STANFIELD, (Girl)—To wife of Donald G. Stanfield, AM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

FARMER, Raymond Peter—To wife of Raymond Farmer, SA, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

AKEMON, Agnes—To wife of John Akemon, M/SGT, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

ESTILL, (Girl)—To wife of William B. Estill, AD1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

CHRISTOFF, (Boy)—To wife of De-meter Christoff, LTJG, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

HARBAUGH, (Boy)—To wife of Paul S. Harbaugh, BM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

### December 27

DOVE, (Girl)—To wife of Theodore K. Dove, CWOHC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

BROWN, (Girl)—To wife of Jack K. Brown, SKC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

PORTER, Michael Lewis—To wife of John L. Porter, CS1, 9 pounds.

STOWERS, Earl Dale—To wife of Robert J. Stowers, SA, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

MANN, Ronald Eugene—To wife of Marion E. Mann, LTJG, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

PERKOWSKI, (Boy)—To wife of E. E. Perkowski, SKC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

### December 28

TAYLOR, Mary Ethel—To wife of Charles W. Taylor, HM1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

EDWARDS, Lawrence Gene—To wife of Bobbie J. Edwards, CPL, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

HUTCHISON, Jerry Edward—To wife of Homer Hutchison, M/SGT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

MAY, Albert Louis III—To wife of A. L. May, Jr., LT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

### December 29

HURST, James Michael II—To wife of J. M. Hurst, CPL, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

OTTO, William Edward—To wife of William F. Otto, LTJG, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

SHILLING, Larry Thomas—To wife of Francis Shilling, SN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

BAIRD, Francis Louis II—To wife of F. L. Baird, IC2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

JONES, Vickie Lynne—To wife of John W. Jones, SN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

### December 30

THOMAS, Benjamin, Jr.—To wife of B. Thomas, SD2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

ANDRADE, Carol Ann—To wife of Bernard A. Andrade, LTJG, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

### December 31

YOAKAM, Rod—To wife of Bernard Yoakam, ENS, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

### January 1, 1949

MILLS, Mary Helen—To wife of James H. Mills, SK2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

PARKER, Marva Lavonne—To wife of Willie C. Parker, SC2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

ENNIS, Kathleen Ann—To wife of Louis A. Ennis, LCOL, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

NASH, Karen Elizabeth—To wife of Kenneth C. Nash, AMC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

PHILLIPS, Barbara Jean—To wife of James R. Phillips, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

## REAR ADMIRAL STITT DIES; WAS NOTED NAVAL SURGEON

(SEA)—Rear Admiral Edward R. Stitt, an expert on tropical diseases and former surgeon general of the Navy from 1920 to 1928, died at Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., at the age of 81 years.

A native of Charlotte, N. C., Admiral Stitt was appointed an assistant surgeon in the Navy in 1889. He commanded the Navy medical school from 1916 until 1920 when he was appointed surgeon general. From 1926 to 1928, he was president of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

During World War II, he was consultant on tropical medicine to the Secretary of War. He retired in 1931.

**HERE'S HAPPY NEWS** for all patients who can get down to the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102. Those attractive young ladies from Mills College will be back in town after a month's vacation and will be here on Tuesday night, 11 January. Everyone who has met the Mills Girls knows what a bang-up good time is in store for everyone!



### Knoll Quintet Tires in 3rd Period; Drops League Game 56-48

The Knoll basketball team was defeated by the league leading DQSF Marine five, 56-48, in a game played at Yerba Buena Island Tuesday night, 4 January.

After a three-week layoff, the local quintet tired in the third period, and the Marine team went into a long lead, 47-32, which proved too much for the Lions to overcome in the final stanza.

Bob Nelson, right guard, was the leading scorer for the Knollites with a total of 13 points. Right forward Wyffel, with 18 points, led the scoring for the victors.

Box Score:

DQSF MARINES				
	Fg	Ft	F	Pts
Wyffel, rf	8	2	0	18
Barth, lf	1	1	2	3
Snip, lf	2	0	5	4
Dickerson, c	6	1	4	13
Quigley, c	0	1	0	1
Anderson, rg	7	0	5	14
Oakley, lg	0	0	2	0
Totals	26	6	18	56

OAK KNOLL				
	Fg	Ft	F	Pts
Campbell, M. J., rf	3	3	2	9
Angoni, A., lf	1	0	4	2
Jackson, lf	4	2	1	10
Hodge, lf	0	0	1	0
Bell, F., c	5	1	2	11
Boucha, c	0	1	1	1
Nelson, B., rg	4	5	3	13
Johnson, C., lg	1	0	4	2
Grandt, lg	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	12	18	48
Halftime score—Oak Knoll 22, Marines 27.				

### Welcome and Farewell

Personnel reporting aboard for duty during the past week included O. Martin, HMC, from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; L. F. Betoney, MC, from U.S.S. Leo (AKA-60); and five men from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, they were R. L. Page, R. T. George, R. J. Gonzales, L. L. Holbrook, and L. G. Miller.

Reserve officers detached from 14 days training duty were LCDR S. M. Alman, LT E. K. Markell, and Ensigns B. Drury, J. E. McCleary, G. A.aney, R. J. Alderson, and G. D. Ramsey. LTJG W. H. Davis, MCR, SNR, left for temporary duty at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland.

V. E. Hull, HMC, was transferred to Com-12 for assignment, and P. W. Inlay, DT3, to Pharmacy School, Bethesda, Maryland, for a course of instruction.

LT E. H. Peterson, NC, and LTJG J. Martin, MCR, were separated from the Naval service.

### Spot News

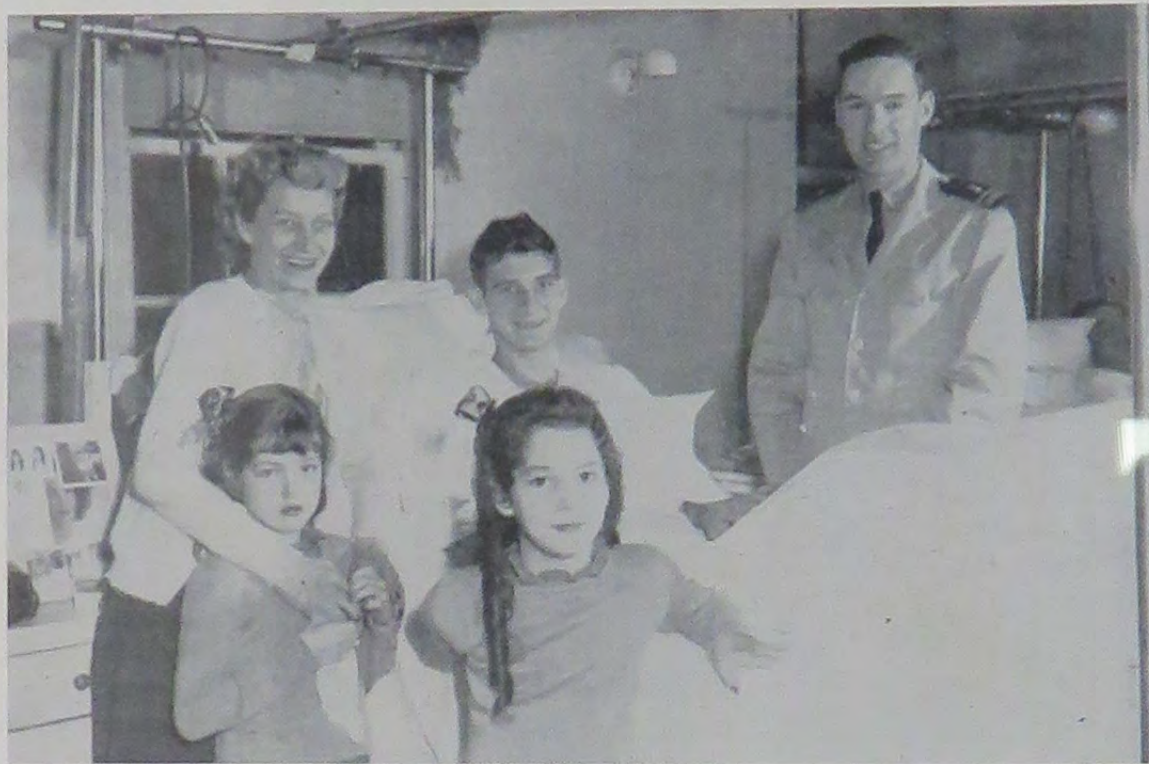
Proud owners of a shiny new Motorola Television set are Henry and Edna Bourdase. For a moment they thought that Santa Claus himself had left the instrument beside their Christmas tree, but investigation revealed that it was a gift from their sons, Edmund and Jack.

Jack S. West, DN, attached to Oak Knoll's Dental Department, and San Diego Betty Ferguson, were joined in marriage in San Diego's Chapel of the Roses, Saturday, 1 January. Charles A. Conway, DN, was best man. The newlyweds, after a week-end honeymoon, returned to Oakland where they have established temporary residence in quarters adjacent to the hospital.

### Christmas Now Happy Memory For Them



Lawrence B. Law, AOI, Ward 41A, is one of two patients whose holiday season was made brighter by the Oakland Post-Enquirer. Declared a winner in a letter writing contest conducted by the Oakland paper, Law's mother, Mrs. Lillian Meracle (left), and his wife Marguerite, residents of Fresno, spent the holidays with him as guests of the newspaper. A visit by Mrs. Frances Lacina, his sister (right), made Law's Christmas complete.



The second winner of the Post-Enquirer sponsored contest was Robert O. Mote, Jr., AN, Ward 41A, whose mother, Mrs. Irene Mote, and his twin sisters, Sandra and Shirley, came to Oakland from Gary, Indiana, on the all-expenses-paid trip to spend the holidays with him. Shown with the family is LTJG E. P. Woodward, ward doctor.

### Here and There

On six days' leave from her duties on Ward 73A, Frances Wright, HMC, flew to Honolulu by United Air Lines and came back with a new ring and a new name. At six o'clock Monday evening in the First Methodist Church of Honolulu she became the bride of Earl F. Williams, HM3, USN, who is now on duty at CincPac Flag Allowance, Pearl Harbor. He was assigned to the Record Office here prior to his transfer to the Islands last July.

Wilson, the gentleman who holds forth at the shoe shine stand in the Barber Shop, was overheard lamenting o'er his ever increasing bulge—located in a direct line anteriorly to his lumbar vertebrae. He places the blame not on his inability to push himself away from the table, but to lack of work. All hands may assist Wilson in observing his New Year's resolution—to lose weight — by patronizing his service. Incidentally, he gives one of the best shines in the Bay Area.

LT A. L. May, Jr., staff doctor, had an added incentive to celebrate this

New Year's Eve. It was the birth of Albert Louis May III, on 28 December in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient ward. The baby weighed eight pounds three ounces at birth.

There were those who believed this week's frosty air and icy gutters might temporarily dull Dorothy Hager's and Hope Sink's appetite for ice cream, but such was not the case. In one hand clutching their coats tightly to keep out the winter wind, in the other clutching their daily double chocolate cones they trekked across the circle as usual. How long this has been going on, neither can remember. How long it will go on depends, they say, on how long chocolate ice cream is sold here.

A welcome visitor on the compound during the holidays was Captain H. E. Robins, MC, USN, former Executive Officer. Since being detached from this station in July, 1947, he has served as Executive Officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, and is now in command of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Santa Margarita Ranch, Ocean-side, California.

### Transportation's Pet Finds "A Dog's Life" Highly Satisfying

Gertrude leads a dog's life, but she is not complaining. A few days ago she even emitted a bark of gratitude for her Christmas dinner. Dog-trotting from the specially constructed canine quarters she occupies at the Transportation Department, past Ship's Service, the library, 40A, and on up the hill to the commissary, she arrived as usual, at 11:30 sharp, devoured the contents of her plate with relish, and jogged home. Before drifting off into a semi-comatose state from which she did not rouse until time to bark for her daily dose of cod liver oil, Gertrude counted her blessings and decided that life at Oak Knoll is good.

Fourteen months ago Gertrude "turned in" here as a maternity patient, promptly giving birth to quintuplets. Six months later she was delivered of octuplets, and six months after that she again produced eight pups. All 21 of her progeny, adopted out to Oakland families, are, as far as she knows, living and well. Questioned about their father, the canny quadruped is reported to have raised her hackles and snapped, "None of yrrr business."

But she really has a fine disposition, according to her friend and benefactor, H. S. Snook, whom she follows about the compound, showing her appreciation in many ways, particularly by seeing him to the gate every day at 4:30. Recently when Snook took two days' leave, she was thrown completely off balance, becoming very depressed, refusing her cod liver oil, and spending the entire two days watching for him at the gate.

### • Movie Schedule •

- Sunday, 9 January  
**LIVE TODAY FOR TOMORROW**  
Frederic March—Florence Eldridge  
Short — News
- Monday, 10 January  
**NO LEAVE, NO LOVE**  
Van Johnson—Pat Kirkwood
- Tuesday, 11 January  
**LUXURY LINER**  
George Brent—Jane Powell  
Lucky Ducky
- Wednesday, 12 January  
**SMOKY MOUNTAIN MELODY**  
Ray Acuff and Boys  
Go Chase Yourself
- Thursday, 13 January  
**ANGEL ON THE AMAZON**  
George Brent—Constance Bennett  
Why Is It?
- Friday, 14 January  
**THAT WONDERFUL URGE**  
Tyrone Power—Gene Tierney  
March of Time — News
- Saturday, 15 January  
**SINGAPORE**  
Fred MacMurray—Ava Gardner  
Musical Moments
- SEES ROSE TOURNAMENT**  
Ruth Ford, HM1, was among the thousands who braved the cold weather to attend the annual Tournament of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's Day.



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FOR SALE—Wirehair puppies, 2 female, 1 male, 10 weeks old. Champion stock, registered A.K.C. Contact LT R. B. Comstock, Ward 40B or call at 15736 Paseo Del Campo, San Lorenzo. Lucerne 1-1114.

FOR SALE — Luggage trailer with top. Call Dr. Lawson, Ext. 259.

FOR SALE—Table for sectional furniture; also blond coffee table, round. Practically new. Call Ext. 16.

LOST—Watch, lady's Bulova, yellow gold with an expansion band. If found please contact Mrs. E. R. Holmberg, 417 Stevens Road, Mt. View, Calif.

WANTED TO RENT—Three or four large rooms, furnished or partly furnished, close to hospital or bus transportation; no children or pets; considerate tenant. To \$50.00 Call Miss Leonard, Ext. 151.

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FOR SALE—1946 super deluxe 2-door Ford. Radio and heater. Excellent condition. Price—\$1450. Call Chief Owen at Ext. 271.

Sportin' Around

By Armed Forces Press Service

Toss another log on the fire, put your feet up on the pot-bellied stove, and hear the story of baseball's most fantastic home run, banged by white-haired Grover Land, now 62 years old and living in retirement at Phoenix, Arizona.

Baseball historians have either overlooked or ignored the feat, but anyway—

Land's four-base clout traveled less than 70 feet.

Turn back baseball pages to the ill-starred Federal League which functioned from 1914 through 1915 in competition with the American and National Leagues.

The Brooklyn Feds were in Chicago for a series with the Chicago Whales. Umpire Barry McCormick failed to show for his afternoon chore and his partner, Bill Brennan, had to work the game alone.

The contest moved nicely for five innings, Brennan calling balls, strikes and action on the bases without disturbing the peace-of-mind of the players.

Then a Brooklyn player walked to the plate and proceeded to foul off pitch after pitch, causing Brennan to run back and forth for more balls to be put in play.

This bit of double-timing, plus a muggy, hot afternoon, finally wore Brennan down. So, in disgust, he dumped a load of balls behind the pitcher's mound, then stacked them into a neat pile. The foul tip batter was finally retired and the perspiring umpire mopped his brow in relief.

Up strolled Land, Brooklyn catcher, and then the fun began.

Land banged the first pitch straight into the pile of baseballs and the pellets made like pins after a perfect strike in bowling.

In the resulting scramble, each Chicago infielder came up with a ball and was waiting for Land as he raced around the bases.

The Brooklyn catcher recalls that he was tagged at least five times, but Brennan ruled there was no put-out. Brennan insisted that no man could figure out which was the fairly batted ball and it would have to stand as a home run.

Screams of protest echoed throughout Northside Park, now Wrigley Field, and the argument was taken to James A. Gilmore, then president of the Federal League.

Gilmore gave the matter deep thought and eventually ruled that he would not throw out the game unless the subsequent result had a deciding effect on the pennant race.

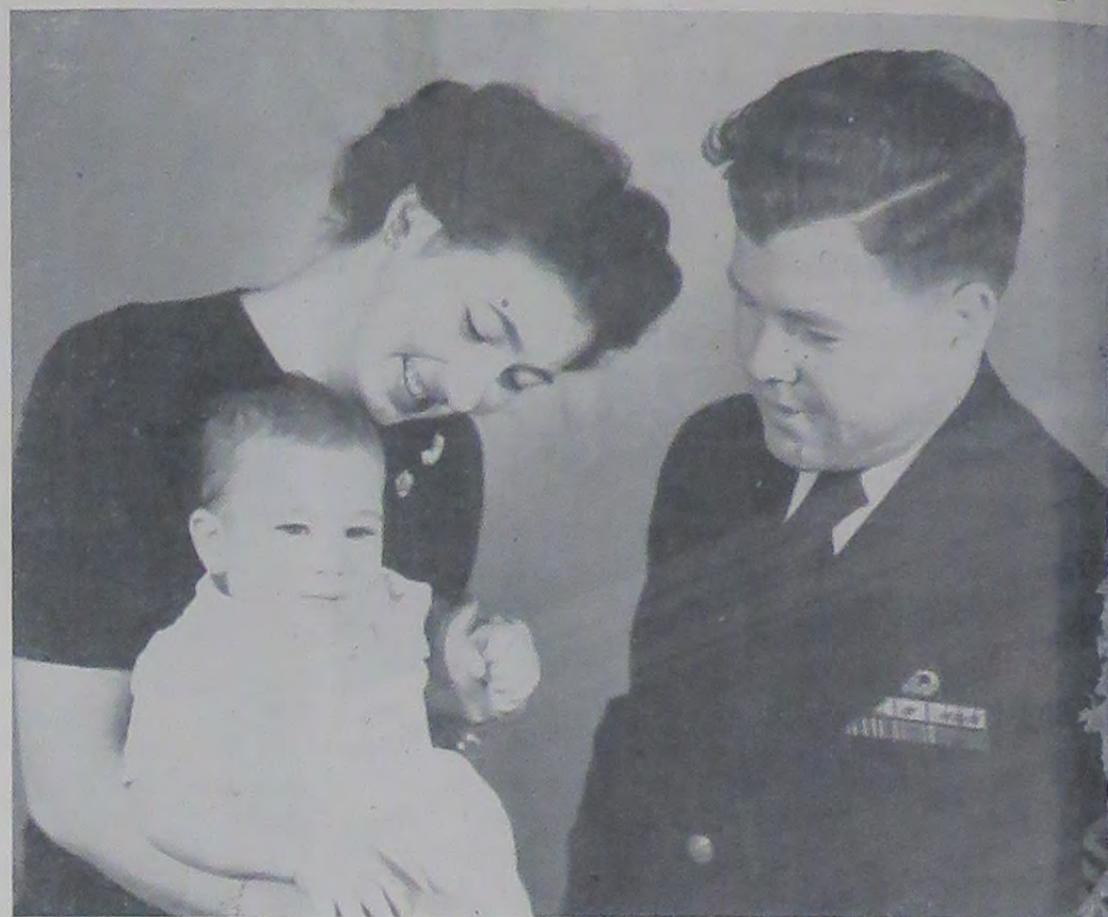
It didn't. So Land takes credit for a 70-foot home run.

Toss another log on the fire, Buddy—it's your turn.

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Presenting An Oak Knoll Family



HMC Philip J. McGuire, Jr., his wife, Margaret, and their 10-months-old son Philip J. III, are introduced to Oak Leaf readers this week.

Detailed to the Patient Personnel Office soon after his arrival at Oak Knoll in July, 1946, Chief McGuire has assisted the Records Officer as Leading Chief since that time.

A veteran of over ten years' service, and a native of California, he met Mr. McGuire while on duty in Philadelphia. Both are avid seekers of knowledge, and during his present tour of shore duty have been and are attending night classes—Mrs. McGuire, in Commercial Law, and the chief in Business Administration, at the University of California Extension Division in Oakland.

BOWLING LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Team	Captain
1. Married Chiefs	HMC Campbell
2. Nurses	Miss Eastin
3. Property and Accounting	HMC Buvid
4. CPO Quarters	HMC Austin
5. Central Supply	HN Bell
6. Pharmacy	HM3 Welch
7. Laboratory	HMC Guyton
8. Dental	DTC Owen
9. X-Ray	HM2 Gass
10. O.P.D.	HA Gamble

January:	12—4-7 and 5-6	16—6-5 and 10-1
	13—2-9 and 3-8	17—8-3 and 7-4
	14—1-10	18—9-2
	19—10-9 and 5-4	23—4-5 and 3-6
	20—8-1 and 6-3	24—2-7 and 1-8
	21—7-2	25—9-10
	26—5-3 and 6-2	30—10-4 and 3-5
	27—1-7 and 9-8	31—2-6 and 8-9
	28—4-10	
February:	2—10-8 and 2-5	April: 1—7-1
	3—6-1 and 9-7	6—5-2 and 1-6
	4—4-3	7—8-10 and 7-9
	9—7-5 and 2-1	8—3-4
	10—8-4 and 9-3	13—6-10 and 5-7
	11—10-6	14—4-8 and 3-9
	16—5-9 and 7-10	15—1-2
	17—8-6 and 1-4	20—9-5 and 2-3
	18—3-2	21—6-8 and 4-1
	23—8-5 and 7-6	22—10-7
	24—9-4 and 3-1	27—2-10 and 5-8
	25—10-2	28—6-7 and 4-9
		29—1-3
March:	2—5-10 and 6-4	May: 4—10-5 and 9-1
	3—2-8 and 3-7	5—4-6 and 8-2
	4—1-9	6—7-3
	9—1-5 and 8-7	11—3-10 and 1-5
	10—10-3 and 6-9	12—9-6 and 7-8
	11—4-2	13—2-4

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John Florio: *FIRSTE FRUITES* (1578)

Are you just learning how to read? or can you understand Plato? or are you encased in a body cast so that you can read only films projected on the ceiling? The hospital library offers you a chance to follow your literary bent, whether you are patient, staff member, civilian employee, or dependent. You are welcome to check out books, borrow magazines, read the newspapers, write letters at the desks, or just come in and sit.

This library's history dates back almost to the 1 July 1942 commissioning of the hospital. In September of '42 Miss Mary Catherine Baker was sent here by the Head of the Library Section, Bureau of Naval Personnel. After a month of hard work she opened a library in a corner of what is now the main dining room of the Officers' Club. Shortly after the Ship's Service building was completed, the library took over a small building which had previously been used as the contractor's office. This building was moved to a convenient site directly opposite Ship's Service and remodeled to form the library as it is today. In June '47 Miss Baker was transferred to the San Diego Naval Hospital and Miss Marguerite Hand came from Mare Island to take her place. Her present assistant, Mrs. Ruth Yob, reported for duty last September, and the rest of the staff consists of men on outside detail who push the book cart, clean the library, and help at the circulation desk.

The feature that distinguishes this library from your home town public library is the book cart that goes to the wards daily to lend books to patients. The schedule for this service (adhered to as much as possible although still subject to change without notice) is as follows: Wards: 41, 42, 43—Monday and Thursday a.m.; 40, 51—Monday, p.m.; 44, 45, 46—Monday and Wednesday, p.m.; 54, 55—Wednesday, p.m.; 61-66 inclusive—Tuesday, a.m. and Thursday, p.m.; 70-75, inclusive—Tuesday, p.m. and Friday, a.m.

Approximately 75% of the total circulation of the library is in the wards. Watch for the book cart to pass through your ward so that you may select books and magazines to read



Reading material for a thousand patients and more than a thousand staff members and dependents is available in the hospital library. Pictured above with the portable library which calls at the wards twice weekly is Mrs. Ruth Yob, assistant librarian. G. W. Reeder, FP3, is helping check out books to patients P. W. Stanfield, SA, W. M. Comer, SN, and E. C. Wester, SH2. In the scene below Miss Marguerite Hand, librarian, appears to be completely engrossed in her work, while at the left J. F. Anderson, HMC, apparently is wrestling with a 25-dollar word.

or study while you are confined to the hospital. If you wish a certain book or books on a definite subject, ask the librarian with the cart and she will be glad to see that your requests are filled as soon as possible. Magazines are carried on the cart for the special benefit of those who prefer shorter selections. Those bed patients who are unable to hold a book in their hands, yet want to read, may borrow a film projector for as long as they need it. These machines project regular books onto the ceiling and may be operated by simply pressing one of two buttons. All types of micro-filmed books are available—novels, non-fiction, westerns, mysteries, and even cartoon books (our "best sellers" in this field).

The many thousands of books available have come from three main sources. From the Naval Supply Cen-

ter, Oakland, we receive a monthly distribution of fiction and non-fiction, including many professional books on the Navy and related technical subjects. A small number of books purchased each month with a book fund are mostly best sellers and other books not supplied by the Naval Supply Center. A third source of reading material is the generosity of private individuals or organizations who donate books or money to purchase them. When gift books are received, they are sorted by the librarian and only those needed are added to the library collection; the others are sent to the brig, to the contagion wards, or they may be given to patients who wish them. Many excellent books are thus acquired; for example, recently we received a collection of law books in-

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## Pay Analyses Meant Months of Research For Hook Committee

Washington (AFPS)—Everyone's talking about the "Hook Committee." And for good reason, too. For the Advisory Commission on Service Pay, as the committee is officially known, has recently recommended sweeping changes in the pay structure of the Armed Forces.

But just exactly who and what is the "Hook Committee?"

Early in December, 1947, Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal wrote letters to four of the nation's top leaders in industry and clergy.

One of the letters went to Mr. Charles Hook, chief executive of the Armco Steel Company of Middletown, Ohio, who was later appointed chairman of the Commission.

The other members of the Commission appointed by the Secretary were The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, of South Bend, Ind., President Notre Dame University; Keith S. McHugh of New York, N. Y., Vice-President American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Lawrence H. Whiting of Chicago, Ill., President of Whiting and Company and of the American Furniture Mart Building Company.

"The National Military Establishment," wrote the Secretary, "now has before it the very critical and immediate problem of determining the adequacy of the compensation presently received by members of the Armed Services and the soundness of its general military pay structures."

"Moreover," he continued, "there is a definite need to bring about a greater degree of uniformity in matters of compensation among the several Services."

The Secretary pointed out that the last thorough review of pay schedules of Armed Forces was undertaken almost forty years ago.

The Military Establishment, he said, requires men of real ability, just as any successful business enterprise.

"It cannot provide the elements of military strength which are required for the security of our country," the Secretary continued, "if it is forced to build an organization with second or third rate men."

He then outlined the rapid strides which have been made in science and the new techniques of warfare which have created an infinitely greater need for technicians of many different varieties.

During the approximately one year it was engaged in study and deliberation, the Commission met at least once a month to receive and review reports from subcommittees and a

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# The Oak Leaf

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## Educational Opportunities Unlimited

When asked why they are joining the Navy, a high percentage of recruits will answer, "To increase my knowledge and education." In today's Navy, the opportunity to realize this ambition is greater than at any time during the past.

In a determined move to help Navy men and women improve their performance of duty and take advantage of educational opportunities at a higher level, the Navy now helps defray the cost of off-duty courses taken by naval personnel at accredited schools. These special funds, available through naval district commandants, will cover, up to \$25, the cost of attending the school of choice.

This program to help individuals earn scholastic credits from educational institutions while in the service is indicative of the Navy Department's keen interest in its personnel. Personnel, in turn, should reflect the Department's interest by taking advantage of this and many other means that are now available to help them become better navy men and better citizens, and to lead happier and more useful lives.

In civilian life (and all Navy men go back to civilian life, even those who serve out thirty years or more) an education beyond grade school has become the prerequisite for consideration for a very large proportion of jobs.

It is the individual's sole responsibility to prepare himself for later years by application and a premeditated course of endeavor. Those of us now on shore duty would be betraying ourselves, if we should refuse to direct part of our spare time toward the enhancement of our future welfare.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Many times the question arises in our minds, "Why should we try to be good? Why make the effort to grow spiritually? Why not have a good time? We only live once. Why be hampered and restrained?" But the more we think it over, the more we come to the place where we are ready to say, "That's right, we only live once. How can I make the greatest investment?" Really, life becomes adventurous when we realize that Christian living has more satisfaction per square inch than any other kind of living. Sin may seem to have lots of fun about it, but there soon comes a day when we wake up to the fact that we have been wasting our time, and have not left the world any richer for our being here.

Think of the list of the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." The only way we will know about them is to live a thoughtful, prayerful life under God and then see how each one of these fruits is found in our life. There is nothing that can take the place of such great thoughts as these words express. The times are not easy, but the Christian faces them, and with victory. We live to develop our life in Christ so that the fruits are ours.

Submitted by:  
B. T. POZNANSKI,  
Catholic Chaplain.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

There is no housing shortage for a certain beautiful Siamese cat! Patient Gabriel Hurbace, Veteran, Ward 70B, has created and built a royal castle for this feline occupant. Fourteen inches high, eighteen inches long, and nine or ten inches wide, this royal house is oriental in its colors of red, yellow and black. On the outside are all the authentic cat symbols, a cat's head with helmet on one side, a royal coat of arms with crossbones on the other side. This unusual house is now at the Red Cross craft shop if you'd like to see what can be done in the way of a cat's domicile!

Square knotting and fascinators continue to be the most popular crafts on the wards, with many of the patients creating their own designs. These gifts are always welcome to the ladies!

Had trouble with your radio lately? If you are interested in learning the basic fundamentals of radio repair, drop into the Red Cross Craft Shop and see Miss Alexander.

The "unusual" weather lately has played havoc with our tropical fish. Temperatures dropped alarmingly, resulting in the loss of several fish and the rest fighting to survive. Some equipment breakage added to the near disaster. Mrs. Mahle from the Mahle Aquarium in Oakland came out recently with more fish, fresh shrimp food, sea greens and regular food, but a vigilant watch must be kept to retain this fascinating hobby. Representatives from the San Francisco Aquarium Society also have been here recently to service the aquariums and will continue this work.

Willie E. Tewald, SA, 50B, was taken by complete surprise January 5 when his birthday was observed with a cake and all the trimmings. Another birthday observed January 6 was that of LT Joseph Egan on 40A. The array of novel gifts was reminiscent of holiday season. LT Egan, like Jack Benny, celebrated his "39th" birthday. The Red Cross recreation worker carried out a horseracing activity, the unique prize being the "hoss."

James Kibbe, young veteran patient on 63A, has turned his individual cubicle on the ward into an art studio. He has several small canvases, numerous brushes of all types, and varied colored tubes of oil paints. He spends many hours daily painting. He is receiving valuable help and encouragement from Mrs. Powell, craft Gray Lady and artist.

James Davis, AE3, Ward 70A, has a terrific stamp collection. With the whole world to collect from, he has quality as well as quantity in his stamps. Davis flies to all corners of the globe when on duty, and during the war assisted in evacuating Navy personnel in the Pacific. Taking advantage of all his travelling, he now has tomes of stamps—one of first issues only. The Red Cross offers you the opportunity to begin or continue your own stamp collection. Just see the worker in the Red Cross lounge for assistance in this. It is truly a fascinating hobby!

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-two births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period January 2 to 8 inclusive. Statistics follow:

**January 2**  
CLAY, Richard Vance—To wife of Theodore A. Clay, AL1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
YOUNG, James Willard—To wife of George J. Young, CHELECT, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
VAN DE WALKER, Caron—To wife of Donald D. Van De Walker, PFC, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

**January 3**  
PUREIFOY, Helen Lavar—To wife of Amos L. Purefoy, TN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
GRAHAM, (Boy)—To wife of Joseph Graham, BMC, 11 pounds, 15½ ounces.  
STEFFEN, Sharline Helen—To wife of Raymond E. Steffen, AD3, 5 pounds, ounce.

**January 4**  
NORFLEET, (Girl)—To wife of Robert L. Norfleet, SGT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
GLENN, (Boy)—To wife of Roy Glenn, DKS, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
LITTLE, Bruce Lee—To wife of Edwin L. Little, LCDR, 3 pounds, 7 ounces.  
MOSLEY, Catherine Marie—To wife of Cleveland C. Mosley, AN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
BOSCH, Jeannette Ann—To wife of Herbert Bosch, HMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
FRUCHEY, Russell William, Jr.—To wife of R. W. Fruchey, HM3, 8 pounds.

**January 5**  
RUTZEN, Michael John—To wife of Frank Rutzen, GM1, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.  
TUPPER, Robert Patrick—To wife of Robert Tupper, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
WILLIAMS, Margaret Ann—To wife of Edwin C. Williams, CSC, 6 pounds, ounces.

**January 6**  
MAIDLOW, (Girl)—To wife of Richard E. Maidlow, ADC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
HENRY, Ralph Reid—To wife of Ismael W. Henry, BMSN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
MANN, Charles Robert—To wife of Robert M. Mann, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.  
CHILTON, Terry Wayne—To wife of Ward F. Chilton, SH1, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.  
SCHAEFFER, (Girl)—To wife of Theodore E. Schaeffer, YN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
RHINE, Barbara Jean—To wife of Louis R. Rhine, AGC, 9 pounds, 11½ ounces.  
DUENWEG, Clinton Clarke—To wife of Louis K. Duenweg, CPL, 7 pounds, ounces.

**January 7**  
CHURCHILL, Michael Bruce—To wife of Clinton Churchill, LTJG, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.  
HORTON, Kathleen Bonita—To wife of Lester C. Horton, EN2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
MC CARTHY, Michael Joseph—To wife of Bernard J. McCarthy, AO2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

**January 8**  
GRANTHAM, Larry Wayne—To wife of Lyle W. Grantham, PFC, 7 pounds, ounces.  
LOCKWOOD, Carla May—To wife of Albert N. Lockwood, PACT, 7 pounds, ounces.  
SMITH, Sharon Denise—To wife of Raymond C. Smith, CS3, 7 pounds, 3½ ounces.  
CATTANO, Nancy—To wife of Frank J. Cattano, HM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
LONGBOTHAM, Lorry Lynn—To wife of Weldon M. Longbotham, MAJ, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.  
WARD, Michael William—To wife of Charles J. Ward, S/SGT, 7 pounds, ounces.

### Pay Analyses

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corps of consultants working with Executive Committee.

It was also aided in its studies advice and suggestions, developed experience, from members of the Services.

Analyses of representative jobs the Services from top to bottom were made. Surveys were made to determine the compensation of positions in civilian fields of comparable responsibility and technical requirements.

Each member of the Commission made his own personal and independent studies and investigation in order that he could bring to the Commission meetings his own viewpoint and be helpful in arriving sound conclusions with respect to the subject under discussion.

From all of this study and hard work on the part of the "Hook Commission" came the proposal for pay adjustment which may mean a great deal to servicemen.



## Presenting An Oak Knoll Family



Admiring the latest addition to their family circle, Kathryn Jeanne, 3½ months, HMC Raymond M. Oswald, his wife, Ruth Elizabeth, and their son, Kenneth Raymond, age 2 years, 8 months. The family make their home in nearby Santa Cruz Village.

A former warrant officer and veteran of over 11 years' service, Chief Oswald has been at Oak Knoll since December, 1946, during which time he has worked in property and Accounting. Among his accomplishments, the chief can boast of bowling individual high game of 268 during the first half of the station's bowling season last year.

## Library Books Available

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Including 72 volumes of the CORPUS JURIS, 2 volumes of the PENAL CODE of California, and one of CIVIL PROCEDURE. Another recent gift was a series of bound magazines entitled THE COMPLETE PHOTOGRAPHER. Many pocket books are sent to the hospital, and interested readers may browse through them and take those they wish.

We have in the library 75 subscriptions to magazines and newspapers covering practically every subject. Many friends send collections of magazines or subscriptions so that extra copies are available to patients on the wards. The Oakland Disabled American Veterans' organization particularly deserves your thanks, for at least once a month they bring to the library approximately a hundred magazines, all recent, all titles that men enjoy reading.

If you wish a question answered, a book reserved, or renewed, or if you want to know the correct spelling of a word, simply call at the desk, phone, or ask the librarian when she visits your ward. Your request will be handled as soon as possible.

When you leave the hospital, please return all of your books. Although the nurses and corpsmen are most helpful in trying to return all books left by patients, they cannot be expected to shoulder all the responsibility—it lies with you, the reader. Remember that someone else may be waiting to read the book that you are so carelessly leaving in your locker.

The library is open from 0800 to 1630 Monday through Friday and is open Saturday mornings and Wednesday nights until 2030 for the special benefit of the staff members who are unable to obtain books during the day.

## Here and There

A number of doctors and consultants are turning over their files of professional journals to the hospital, according to Mrs. Louise F. Barr, medical librarian.

The most recent gift is that of Dr. Edwin M. Taylor, consultant in surgery. His contribution includes volumes of Surgical Clinics of North America, Surgical Clinics of John B. Murphy, Annals of Surgery, and Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics. Many of these volumes from Dr. Taylor's library are complete and bound, and in addition he has given many unbound issues which will complete files already in the medical library.

An all professional stage show will be presented by Welfare and Recreation in the station auditorium Wednesday night, 19 January, from 1900 to 2000.

Arrangements have been made with the show's cast to tour several wards during the afternoon preceding the evening performance in order that bed patients are afforded the opportunity to enjoy this excellent entertainment.

We begin this with an apology—an apology to all married staff officers and enlisted personnel with families who have not been contacted to appear in our feature "Presenting An Oak Knoll Family."

Our original list of possible subjects now depleted, we need your help in compiling another. If you and your family would like to appear in the Oak Leaf, please call our office, phone extension 16, at your earliest convenience.

Middle age is the time when a man stops wondering how to dodge life's temptations, and starts wondering if he's missing any.

## Insurance Dividend Payment Plan Set; August Is Announced As Bonanza Month

Washington (AFPS)—Holders of National Service Life Insurance policies may start drawing their dividend bonanzas, ranging from a few dollars to several hundred, sometime in August, a spokesman for the Veterans Administration recently announced.

Unofficial estimates indicate that about 16 million veterans may participate in the \$2 billion fund set aside for payment of the dividends. Holders of the minimum \$1,000 policies, who kept them in force for at least three months will receive but small amounts, the VA said, but men who have held the \$10,000 policies from the beginning will receive an eight-year accumulation of dividends which may amount to "several hundred dollars."

### Start in August

While a VA official said that the dividend payments would not start until August at the earliest, he added that "we're going to make every effort to have payments flowing by the end of the year."

Refunds will be figured in terms of number of cents per thousand dollars of insurance for each month that each policy was in force. The VA is still working out the formulas by which the final payments may be made.

The surplus from which the dividends are to be paid accumulated from gains and savings on premium payments. A large part of the fund developed from the fact that the mortality rate among veterans has been considerably lower than was estimated before the war when premium rates were established.

### Will Pay on All Types

The VA disclosed that dividends would be paid on all types of National Service Life Insurance, on converted policies as well as on the so-called term insurance. Policy holders who converted their insurance from the term type to the straight life, 20 payment and 30 payment life, will receive the largest dividends because of the larger premiums which they have been paying.

## Staff Medical Officers Hear Science Lectures

Dr. Minnie B. Goldberg, assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of California Medical School, lectured to staff medical officers here Wednesday night on "Clinical Ovarian Physiology." Also on the Basic Science program the same evening was a medical motion picture titled, "The Kidney in Health."

Dr. Goldberg will speak in the Staff Conference room again next Wednesday at 7:30 on "Ovarian Tumors with Particular Reference to Their Clinical Aspects," and a second movie, "The Kidney in Disease," will be shown.

On the evenings of January 26 and February 2, Dr. L. W. Kinsell, associate clinical professor of medicine at U. C. and director of the Metabolic Research Unit here, will present a summary of clinical endocrinology.

All staff members, all medical officers at other military installations, and doctors in other Bay Area training institutions are invited to attend these meetings.

"I can't tell you how long I have labored on this drama," the aspiring writer told the producer, "polishing a scene here, adding a line there, eliminating scenes and adding new characters." "What a pity," said the producer, handing it back to him. "All work, and no play!"

The VA has campaigned to encourage veterans to convert their term policies to any one of the six other types, including endowments and so-called "retirement" policies, redeemable at age 60 or 65.

## New Identification Tabs Issued Car Owners



HMC C. B. Gordon issues the new type station vehicle identification plate to M. D. Wilson, HMI. J. K. McElroy, HMI, (right) is holding the safety check-off form automobile owners were required to satisfactorily complete before they were issued the new tag. Effective today, paper decals will no longer be recognized for admission to the hospital reservation by gate guards.



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## • Movie Schedule •

**Sunday, 16 January**  
**UNFAITHFULLY YOURS**  
Rex Harrison-Linda Darnell  
News

**Monday, 17 January**  
**UNDERCURRENT**  
K. Hepburn-Robert Taylor

**Tuesday, 18 January**  
**ACT OF VIOLENCE**  
Van Heflin-Janet Leigh  
Professor Tom

**Wednesday, 19 January**  
**MILLION DOLLAR WEEKEND**  
Gene Raymond - Frances Lederer  
Do-Re-Meow

**Thursday, 20 January**  
**FLAXY MARTIN**  
Virginia Mayo - Zachary Scott  
Odor of the Day

**Friday, 21 January**  
**ADVENTURES OF DON JUAN**  
Errol Flynn-Viveca Lindfors  
News

**Saturday, 22 January**  
**WISTFUL WIDOW OF WAGON GAP**  
Abbot & Costello  
Smoked Hams

## Sports Quiz

By Armed Forces Press Service  
QUESTIONS

1. Name the baseball player who totaled 207 hits to lead the American league in 1948?
2. Name the 42-year-old golfer who won the British Open for the third time last July?
3. Name the holder of the world's shot-put record who failed to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team?
4. Who did Eddie Mahan, rated by Jim Thorpe as the greatest halfback of all time, play for?

ANSWERS

1. Bob Dillinger.
2. Henry Cotton.
3. Chuck Fowille.
4. Harvard.

## Civil Service Merit System 66 Years Old

Next week—January 16 to January 22—is National Civil Service Week, commemorating the signing of the Civil Service Act on January 16, 1883, by President Chester A. Arthur.

Before Civil Service laws were enacted, government jobs had been consigned legitimate spoils for winning political parties, and there was no guaranty of security or competence even for holders of the most routine government jobs. If the public business was done at all, it was very often done in a slipshod manner, for job-holders naturally took more interest in assuring the election of their political patron than they did in performing the work they were being paid to do. The act took government jobs out of the control of politicians and was said to be a direct result of the tragic incident of President Garfield's assassination by a disappointed office seeker.

Today, as a result of Civil Service legislation the government employee must obtain his position on a basis of merit, through competitive examinations, and he holds his job on a competitive basis. The Federal Government was the first to adopt the merit system, and it has extended to hundreds of State, County and Municipal governments throughout the country.

Through the past 66 years since Civil Service has been in effect, many improvements have been made, and the service is constantly striving for improvements that will help both the worker and his employer.

## Welcome and Farewell

Officers and enlisted personnel reporting aboard for duty during the past week included LT Mildred C. Taylor, HW, USNR, for 14 days training duty; ENS Violet Krisko, NC, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; Crystal L. Phillips, HM3, W, and Clara L. Woods, HN, W, from Great Lakes, Ill.; Mildred L. Waterhouse, AD3, W, from NAS, Moffet Field; J. M. Simms, HMC, from NNMCMC, Bethesda; and 15 men from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, they were P. A. Barone, G. J. Bransford, J. A. Burnett, Jr., H. E. Carr, C. P. Cason, W. H. Jones, A. A. Litchfield, A. G. Martin, D. R. McNab, J. W. O'Keefe, E. D. Richards, W. S. Sellers, R. M. Shoemaker, J. E. Vaughan, and G. A. Zilleh.

LTJG J. R. Pollock, Jr., MC, USN, was detached to the Naval Medical Center, Guam, M.I.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**WHY BUY NEW ONES!** Your Ship's Service cobbler repairs your old shoes like new. The Cobbler Shop is open every day and features "while you wait" service.

**FOR SALE—Wirehair puppies, 2 female, 1 male, 10 weeks old. Champion stock, registered A.K.C. Contact LTR. B. Comstock, Ward 40B or call at 15736 Paseo Del Campo, San Lorenzo. Lucerne 1-1114.**

**FOR SALE — Luggage trailer with top. Call Dr. Lawson, Ext. 259.**

## Knollites Team Spirit Commands Respect



Displaying the type of playing spirit that has earned respect from their opponent during the current season, the above shot shows Knollite Clifford Hodge, No. 6, dumping one in the basket while his teammates, Mason Jackson, No. 3, left, and Branley Branson, far right, anxiously watch the ball in its flight.

**California visitors returning to Portugal in February will be glad to take discarded clothing, any variety, any size, to needy families in Lisbon. Will make arrangements to pick-up your contributions. Please phone Mrs. Perry, TR 3-4876.**

**FOR SALE—1946 Dodge Deluxe 4-door sedan, grey, radio, heater, good condition. Contact Dr. Phillips, Ward 63A.**

**FOR SALE—8 cu. ft. Crosley Shelvador, \$150; matching chair and sofa, extra chair and ottoman, \$100; one indirect, one multiple floor lamp, \$15. Call Chief Bobb, Ext. 226.**

**FOR SALE—Baby buggy, crib for 1 yr. old and 6 yr. old. Table high chair in good condition. Will sell separately or together. Call Chief Culp, Extension 195.**

**FOR SALE—1932 Chevrolet pickup in excellent condition. See it at 63 East 21st Street or phone GL 1-223.**

**FOR SALE—1946 super deluxe 2-door Ford. Radio and heater. Excellent condition. Price—\$1450. Call Chief Owen at Ext. 271.**

**FOR SALE—Suit of CPO Aviation Greens, size 40 coat, 32 pants. \$20.00. Call Chief Moore, Ext. 292.**

**FOR SALE—1946 Pontiac "6" Sedan ette, radio, heater, in good condition. \$1800.00 Call Ext. 263.**

**FOR SALE — Deluxe Thayer baby carriage in perfect condition. Original price—\$65. Sell for \$35. Call Ext. 133 or TR. 2-2104.**

**FOR SALE—Table for sectional furniture; also blond coffee table round. Practically new. Call Ext. 16.**

## A LABAR-TOON



"PHOOIE!" "IT SMELLS LIKE THOSE CIGARS I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS!!"





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## Honorary Consultants To Formulate Policies At Bethesda Meeting

Honorary and reserve consultants to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, including nationally prominent doctors and dentists, will attend a joint meeting at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, on January 28 and 29, 1949.

The group includes the presidents and presidents-elect of the American Medical Association and the American Dental Association.

During the two-day meeting, the honorary consultants will assist in formulating future policies for the Medical Department of the Navy, and the reserve consultants will advise and evaluate the Navy's present graduate medical training program as well as the present status of the Medical Corps Reserve. The honorary consultants, appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, act as an advisory board to the Surgeon General of the Navy. The reserve consultants, appointed by the Surgeon General and including many former Naval Reserve officers, represent the specialties of the various American boards, and assist the Navy in establishing and maintaining a program which will provide training that meets the standards of those boards.

Attending from this area will be Dr. Sterling Bunnell, prominent San Francisco plastic surgeon, who serves as a member of the Surgeon General's advisory board. He is an honorary consultant for Oak Knoll.

## Oak Knoll Group Attends Lecture At Letterman

At Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Thursday, Dr. Perrin H. Long, professor of preventative medicine at Johns Hopkins University, lectured to doctors from Bay Area Medical installations. His discussion dealt with anti-biotics. Those from Oak Knoll who attended were CAPT Page O. Northington, CAPT A. C. Hohn, CDR Harold Hirshland, CDR J. S. Shaver, LCDR J. L. Richardson, LCDR E. J. Riordan, and LTJG D. C. Beer.

## Doctors To Hear Summary Of Clinical Endocrinology

On the evenings of January 26 and February 2, Dr. L. W. Kinsell, director of the Metabolic Research Unit, will present as a part of the hospital's Basic Science program, a summary of clinical endocrinology.

## March of Dimes Nets \$135 As Drive Goes Into Second Week



Captain C. A. Broaddus made Oak Knoll's first contribution to the March of Dimes. Since last Monday more than \$135 has been contributed here, according to CDR E. C. Andrews, chairman of the drive.

## All Hands' Support Urged As Collection Continues

Today, at the half-way mark, the hospital's March of Dimes is making satisfactory headway, and reports from many groups on the compound are still to be received. During the coming week, CDR E. C. Andrews, senior chaplain and chairman of the drive and his assistants will complete their canvass of staff officers, enlisted men, and civilians.

More than \$135 had been collected up until Friday from jars placed at convenient points around the compound, and at least that much more should be added in the next few days, Chaplain Andrews stated as he discussed the drive yesterday.

"There are two primary reasons for making greater donations than ever before," the chaplain said, "the ever-present threat of a local infantile paralysis epidemic such as California has experienced this year and the high cost of continued care of those already stricken."

Each dime contributed here will help the National Foundation to combat the disease through its extensive research and treatment programs. And it will help care for your child, should he be among the victims.

Only one week remains in this year's drive, and all members of the staff are urged to participate.

## Change Of NSLI Beneficiary Must Be In Writing

(SEA)—If you want to change the beneficiary of your National Service Life Insurance, do it in writing. A recent decision handed down by the U. S. Court of Appeals so ruled in underlining a long-standing procedure of the Veterans Administration.

The court's ruling was made in a

contest awarding a Navy flier's \$10,000 NSLI policy to his parents rather than to his widow. The naval officer had named his parents as beneficiaries when he took out the insurance, although before his death he had verbally indicated a desire to make his wife beneficiary.

## Five Corpsmen Complete Laboratory Training



Laboratory technician certificates were awarded to five hospital corpsmen last week upon their successful completion of the six-months course given here. The corpsmen are, left to right, H. W. Fleming, HN, M. D. McAnally, HN, D. V. Backer, HN, J. P. Sidwell, HM3, and C. A. Graham, HM3. C. M. Buterbaugh, HMC, senior chief in the laboratory, was present at the informal ceremony when LCDR J. L. Richardson, MC, USN, Laboratory Officer, right, awarded the certificates.

## CDR Carr To Address Academy Of Surgeons

CDR. C. R. Carr is in Chicago attending the Sixteenth annual scientific session of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. On January 25 Dr. Carr will address the meeting, presenting a paper on the subject, "Progressive Muscular Atrophy of the Peroneal Type (Charcot-Marie-Tooth); Orthopedic Management and End Result Study."

## Eddie Fitzpatrick Coming For Valentine Dance

The Recreation Department announced this week that Eddie Fitzpatrick and his popular Hotel St. Francis Orchestra will play for the All Hands Valentine Dance to be held in the auditorium on the night of February 14. Appropriate decorations are being planned for the occasion.

## BLIND MAN'S BUFF

Johnstown, Pa. (SEA)—After several police and bystanders sought for an hour to capture an escaped pig, a totally blind man lured the porker into a duck pen with a piece of bread.



# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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## On The Carpet

Uncovered during a recent inventory in the CO's office was a framed document which at first appeared to be nothing more than a receipted bill from Jackson's Furniture Company.

The paper indicates that \$263.33 was paid on August 9, 1943, for the 15x20 blue ceredo carpet, which is still in use in the Commanding Officer's Office. Attached to the bill was the following endorsement:

NH48/ON3 1st Endorsement U. S. Naval Hospital  
Oakland, California  
November 13, 1943

From: The Medical Officer in Command  
To: All Future Medical Officers in Command,  
This Hospital.  
Subject: BLUE RUG.

1. This rug on which your feet now tread was bought by the officer and nursing staff of this hospital and presented to the Commanding Officer. Its presence has added dignity and comfort to the office.

2. It is my wish that those who tread upon it voluntarily be received with kindness, and those called upon it be treated with justice.

F. R. HOOK  
Captain, MC, USN  
Medical Officer in Command  
(Sept. 2, 1942-Nov. 15, 1943)

## An American Virtue

Thrift is a traditional American virtue. It played a very important role in building America and in helping it achieve its present greatness.

Thrift, which the dictionary defines as "the economical or careful management of one's money or resources," has never gone out of style. As a matter of fact, it's right in the fashion now—because millions of American working men and women are practicing it regularly. They're buying Savings Bonds every payday through systematic Payroll Savings where they work. And they're giving a practical demonstration that when you save through Payroll Savings you've made thrift a paying proposition.

Remember, Payroll Savings is SURE saving!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### THE MILLIONAIRE'S DEBT

Recently the newspapers carried an obituary of a nationally known business man. Much was told of his courage and industry, and his personal integrity and great wealth. There was an impressive list of gifts to colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other institutions. One thing the papers omitted. Nothing was said of his debt to his parents, his church, the Sunday church school he attended, or the public schools, and the many other agencies and people who contributed to his personality and fortune. Neither did the story list his obligation to the research laboratories, and the physicians and nurses and others who had provided scientific skills that had made possible his longevity and personal happiness.

From the day we hear our first lullaby we are in debt. A grateful spirit remembers this.

(Adapted from February 1949 of TODAY)

Submitted by CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS.



## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1030

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Spring Housecleaning!** It may seem a bit early to think of spring. . . EVEN in California. But the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, is already showing signs of activity in that direction. Louis Candella, FN, Ward 71A, and Norton Richardson, SA, Ward 42A, decided that the Lounge could be much nicer (must be the influence of those young ladies who come a-dancing a couple of times a week!) and so they dyed curtains for all the windows—and that's lots of windows. The color is a beautiful green, and they really did a fine job!

**Dance Combo!** Things are definitely sparking at the Lounge in the musical line. A live dance combo works out several times a week and plays for scheduled dances on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Present members of the band are Kelly H. Janss, ETSN, Ward 64B, trumpet; Jim Hawks, SN, Ward 43B, trombone; Doug Wakefield, MM2, Ward 41B, guitar; Leroy Hawks, TN, Ward 43A, bass, and Guy Smith, HN, Ward 75B, drums. Rumor has it that there is also a very talented saxophonist working out with the boys. In case you are wondering, most of the instruments used are owned by the Red Cross, and any patient is welcome to come to the Lounge and use them. Hours are 1300-1630, and 1900-2100.

Marriage is one romance in which the hero dies in the first chapter.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-four births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period January 9 to 15 inclusive. Statistics follow:

### January 9

MANOR, Claude Michael—To wife of Harold Manor, YN1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

HARRIS, (Girl)—To wife of Thomas D. Harris, CDR, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

DOSCHER, Craig James—To wife of James R. Doscher, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

### January 10

KAMINSKY, (Boy)—To wife of Albert G. Kaminsky, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

### January 11

TOTH, Preston Alan—To wife of Philip A. Toth, TE3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

DAVIDSON, Mary Kathryn—To wife of Byron K. Davidson, AT1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

HOBBS, Wanda Sue—To wife of Le S. Hobbs, SN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

BAUER, Michael Robert—To wife of Francis R. Bauer, AD1, 8 pounds.

### January 12

HAGAN, Jimmy Ray—To wife of James R. Hagan, AO1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

SIDEBOTTOM, Glenn Fredrick—To wife of Fredrick C. Sidebottom, BTC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

LAZARUS, Lois Louise—To wife of Zeff Lazarus, AB3, 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

BARBEE, Jerry Wayne—To wife of James H. Barbee, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

ROBINSON, Hume Mann—To wife of Donald J. Robinson, LTCOL, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

### January 13

ANDREWS, Rita Diane—To wife of D. Andrews, SD1, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

STONICH, (Girl)—To wife of Joseph R. Stonich, AO2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

COLE, Donald Neil Vernon—To wife of William G. Cole, BMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Linda Darlene—To wife of Roy B. Williams, HN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

BUTLER, Harry Batte Jr.—To wife of H. B. Butler, SN, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

### January 14

McGHEE, Bruce Rodney—To wife of Willie McGhee, TN2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

### January 15

WHITING, David William—To wife of William C. Whiting, RMSN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

DILGER, Mark Edward—To wife of Edward F. Dilger, LCDR, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

McGOWAN, Judith Ann—To wife of Gerald G. McGowan, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

AMARAL, Robert John—To wife of Robert M. Amaral, AD3, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

OAKES, Linda Kay—To wife of Alon C. Oakes, SA, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.



# WASHINGTON HI-LITES

Washington — Possible pay adjustments for members of the Armed Forces were referred to in President Truman's budget message. Pertinent excerpts are as follows:

"Pay and maintenance of military personnel: A general overhauling of the military pay, allowance, and benefit structure is overdue. Since it is desirable for remuneration of military personnel to be in line with salaries of Federal civilian employees and other comparable groups, a tentative amount for this adjustment has been included in the budget, pending later legislative recommendations."

"The pay and maintenance for the average of 1,616,000 officers and men on active duty in the fiscal year 1950 will require estimated expenditures of five billion dollars, 38 per cent of all defense expenditures by the National Military Establishment. Expenditures for pay, allowances, subsistence, travel, welfare, training, clothing, and medical care will average about \$3,100 per man in the fiscal year 1950."—AFPS.

"Some form of tax exemption for enlisted personnel only should be made a permanent feature of our pay system," according to Defense Secretary Forrestal. He recently stated he probably would submit such a proposal to the Budget Bureau.

The forthcoming payment of \$1½ billion in Service Life Insurance dividends will not be the final windfall. Present plans are to pay dividends annually, though payments in future years will be smaller since they will be based on only one year's accumulation of premiums.

# Welcome and Farewell

Personnel reporting aboard for duty during the past week included Captain Otto W. Wickstrom, MC, USN, from USNH, San Diego; Nurse Corps ensigns Helen Lally, Florence E. Farrell, Marion H. Steinberg, and Helena A. Gardzie, from USNH, Philadelphia; Nurse Corps ensigns Patience Day and Dorothy M. Barry, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; Nurse Corps ensigns Bernice Szostak, Minnetta N. Albro, Mary McCarthy, and Florence L. Bryant, from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; J. R. Hoover, HMI, from Independent Duty School, Portsmouth, Va.; and J. R. Russell, HN, from USNH, Mare Island, Calif.

Detached during the week were LT Mildred C. Taylor, HW, USNR, following completion of 14 days training duty; T. T. Buckley, HM3, to Naval Supply Center, Oakland; and W. L. Freeman, HN, to USNH, Mare Island, Calif.

Two Nurse Corps ensigns, Betty J. Lovett and Dorothy Harding, were separated from the Naval service.

"Keep on fighting, boys," said the general, "never say die. Never give up till your last shot is fired. When it is fired, then run. I'm a little lame so I'm starting now."

# Who's Who On The Compound

With this issue the Oak Leaf begins a new get-acquainted feature. Carl Sukanek, photographer, will each week "shoot" at random a staff officer, nurse, enlisted man or woman, and a civilian worker. Here are his pictures, with thumbnail sketches of four of your fellow workers. If you don't know them, you should.



Travel is LT Bertha R. Evans' hobby. During her lifetime she has visited all but one of the forty-eight states, and while serving more than seventeen years in the Navy Nurse Corps she has seen a substantial part of the globe. In May 1941 she reported for duty at Canacoe Naval Hospital, Philippine Islands. On New Year's Day 1942 she was taken prisoner by the Japanese and interned first at Santo Tomas prison, Manila, and later at Los Banos camp, where she was placed in charge of a special diet kitchen. For her service in caring for patients during the bombardment and evacuation of Cavite, she wears the Navy Gold Star Medal and the Bronze star with one Oak Leaf Cluster.



Miss Evans, a native of Portland, Oregon, has served as Assistant Chief Nurse here since March 27, 1948, having reported to Oak Knoll from O. N. O. P., San Francisco.

LTJG F. Miller Thornburg, MC, USN, anesthesiologist, reported for duty here in February 1948 from the Mayo Clinic after completing his Anesthesiology Fellowship.

Entering the Navy as an Ensign H (V-P), Dr. Thornburg was "busted" to apprentice seaman in July of 1943, graduated from medical school under the V-12 program, and was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy Medical Corps, April 1944. Following his internship at USNH, Shoemaker, California, he saw duty in the Atlantic and Pacific

aboard the USS Donald W. Wolf (APD-129).

At present, the doctor and his wife Mary Jo are living in nearby Castro Valley. Fishing is his favorite recreation activity, but there's not nearly enough of it in his current schedule.

Presently attached to Staff Officer Personnel Office, Francis A. Hoke, HMI, has been at Oak Knoll since April of last year. He reported here from the Receiving Station, San Diego.

Born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, Hoke enlisted in the Navy 5 May, 1942. During the war he saw service with Acorn Units on various South Pacific islands, and aboard the USS Roi (CVE-103), one of the ships which participated in the famed "Magic Carpet" runs following the close of the war.

His present address is Lemon Grove, California, where his wife Jeanne and daughter Betty assist him in his favorite hobby—collecting books and records.



A civil service employee, Mrs. Bertha S. Bornholdt transferred from Naval Air Station, Alameda, to Oak Knoll in March 1948 and has spent her working hours at the BuMed desk in Patient Personnel Office since that time.

Quiet evenings entertaining friends at bridge rank high on the list of diversions for the Bornholdts, while Lake Tahoe remains their favorite spot for vacationing. Although she has been here less than a year, the hospital reservation is not foreign ground to Mrs. Bornholdt. She recalls that she and her husband attended many dances held at the Oak Knoll Country Club (in the building which is now the Officers' Club) before its annexation by the Navy.



# Here and There

The many friends of Mrs. Anna P. Stone, agent cashier of the Out-Patient Department, will be glad to hear that she is recovering satisfactorily after undergoing major surgery at Permanente Foundation Hospital last Tuesday.

Mrs. Naomi H. Mann, formerly a civil service worker in Washington, D. C., is now at work as a clerk stenographer in the Veterans' Administration Office. She replaces Mrs. Ramona Petty Martin, who resigned to concentrate on her household duties.

Oak Knoll's Navy family complement continues to show a gain! Last week, 13 January, Linda Darlene Williams, weight seven pounds, 14 ounces, was born in the Out-Patient ward here. Her father, Roy B. Williams, HN, is detailed to Welfare and Recreation and his off-duty hours are spent in nearby Santa Cruz Village where the family resides.

We are happy to report that the Oak Leaf has influence among its readers — anyway, those who have shoes which need repairing. Following the initial classified ad which suggested that readers save money by having their shoes repaired rather than discarding them and buying new ones, Martin J. Clifton, station cobbler, reported a sudden (appreciated) jump in business. He further stated that fine workmanship would not be forfeited to speed in caring for his additional customers, and added that his feature — Service While You Wait — still remains in effect.

Ready and willing to teach the Japanese language to anyone interested is Milton B. McIntosh, veteran patient on 71B. The child of Methodist missionaries in Japan, Mr. McIntosh began to learn Japanese at the age of two. During World War I he served as naval attache to the American Embassy in Tokyo. Later he spent ten years in Honolulu, teaching the Japanese language to officers of the armed forces. More recently he has been engaged in Oriental Americanization work in Washington.

HMC and Mrs. Wilfred D. McLain (Helen Ruth Pentzer) were back at work Wednesday after a short honeymoon at Carmel. The popular Oak Knoll couple were married in the chapel on Thursday, January 13 in a quiet ceremony performed by CDR E. C. Andrews, ChC. They were attended by HMC and Mrs. Paul Keaton.

# A Shirt Tale

Massillon, Ohio — (SEA) — While questioning a man about a robbery, the police chief's attention was attracted to the shirt his subject was wearing.

"Where did you get that shirt?" asked the officer.

"From a basement on First street," the man replied, going on to describe the house.

"That," sputtered the chief, "is my house. And that is my shirt."

The thief pleaded guilty.



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## Sportin' Around

By Armed Forces Press Service

No American had ever won an Olympic skiing championship. The best mark ever made by a member of a United States team was chalked up by Sverre Fredheim of St. Paul, Minnesota, when he finished 11th in the 1936 winter games. That, however, was before Mrs. Gretchen Fraser of Vancouver, Washington, had learned to ride the elongated barrel staves.

Gretchen met her husband, Don Fraser, shortly after he had taken part in the Olympic skiing contests of 1936. The future Mrs. Fraser decided not only to learn to ski, but to become a skiing expert.

From 1940 until 1948 Gretchen won 17 titles, including the national downhill and combined championship in 1941 and the national slalom in 1942. Now she was standing, with 30 other women, high on Mt. Piz Nair at St. Moritz, Switzerland. It was February 5, 1948, and she was representing her country in the Olympic women's slalom.

The slalom, a race against time, threading in and out between the "gates" or red and white marker flags, calls for speed, control and timing that tests all the skills of a skier. This particular skiing event is a specialty of European skiers. Mrs. Fraser's teammates had little hopes for Gretchen's success and had advised her to stay out of the competition. Disregarding her advisers she had entered the lists and now had drawn the tough position of leadoff in the first run.

The previous day Gretchen had finished second in the women's combined Alpine event which included a downhill race and a slalom. Because of her performance in that race, veteran observers expected to see a capable but unspectacular display from the American woman. They were amazed when, with blazing speed and perfect control, she ran the course in 59.7 seconds. However, she had no cinch on the competition, the winner was to be decided by the total time in two runs and Erika Mahringh, of Austria, finished her first run just a fraction behind with a mark of 59.8 seconds.

The pressure applied by the Austrian woman seemed to be the spur needed by the Washington housewife. On her second run Gretchen poured on the coal, her sweeps between the markers were examples of the finest in skiing turns and her speed was almost beyond belief. When her time for that run was posted there was no doubt as to who was the new champion. She had finished in 57.5 seconds, giving her a combined time of 1 minute, 57.7 seconds; five-tenths of a second faster than the second place winner, Antoinette Meyer of Switzerland.

And that's how the first American Olympic skiing champion since winter games had been introduced to Olympic competition in 1924 came to be.

Notes from the Post Philosopher:  
The modern girl would rather have beauty than brains because the average man can see better than he can think.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Ride to Oak Knoll from vicinity of Fourteenth and Fruitvale. Mrs. Mann. Ext. 156.

FOR SALE—1947 Chevrolet sedan, gray, 15,500 miles, good condition; Servel gas refrigerator; kitchen stove; mahogany dining room suite; baby carriage. Make offer. Owner ordered to foreign duty. Call Ext. 184.

FOR SALE—Mahogany dinette table; Simmons Ace springs, double; overstuffed wing chair; four kitchen chairs; 30-gallon gas water heater. Call LO. 8-1237.

FOR SALE—Matching chair and sofa, \$90; 8 cu. ft. Crosley Shelvador, \$150. Call Chief Bobb, Ext. 226.

WHY BUY NEW ONES! Your Ship's Service cobbler repairs your old shoes like new. The Cobbler Shop is open every day and features "while you wait" service.

FOR SALE—Wirehair puppies, 2 female, 1 male, 10 weeks old. Champion stock, registered A.K.C. Contact LT R. B. Comstock, Ward 40B or call at 15736 Paseo Del Campo, San Lorenzo. Lucerne 1-1114.

California visitors returning to Portugal in February will be glad to take discarded clothing, any variety, any size, to needy families in Lisbon. Will make arrangements to pick-up your contributions. Please phone Mrs. Perry, TR 3-4876.

FOR SALE—1946 Dodge Deluxe 4-door sedan, grey, radio, heater, good condition. Contact Dr. Phillips, Ward 63A.

FOR SALE—Baby buggy, crib for 1 yr. old and 6 yr. old. Table high chair in good condition. Will sell separately or together. Call Chief Culp, Extension 195.

FOR SALE — Deluxe Thayer baby carriage in perfect condition. Original price—\$65. Sell for \$35. Call Ext. 133 or TR. 2-2104.

FOR SALE—Table for sectional furniture; also blond coffee table, round. Practically new. Call Ext. 16.

## KNOLL SPORTS

The station bowling league got underway last week with all ten teams in the league rolling their first matches.

Chief Bowser rolled a 480 three game series as he led the Married Chiefs to a 3-1 win over O.P.D.

Team standings after the first week's play:

	Points
1. Married Chiefs	3
2. Dental	3
3. Pharmacy	3
4. X-ray	3
5. CPO's	2
6. Laboratory	2
7. O.P.D.	1
8. Nurses	1
9. Central Supply	1
10. Property & Accounting	1

The Twelfth Naval District will conduct a Badminton League commencing on Wednesday, 9 February 1949. Both singles and double matches will be played.

Both officer and enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps attached to fleet and shore activities within the District are eligible to participate. Members of the Navy Reserve on active duty, not for training duty only, are also eligible to compete. Entries must reach the Director of Welfare, Twelfth Naval District, Treasure Island, prior to 1600 on Monday, 7 February 1949.

Matches will be played weekly on Wednesdays with play commencing at 1630. No matches will be postponed without permission of the Director of Welfare, 12th Naval District. A team trophy and individual awards will be presented to the winning team.

Oak Knoll personnel who may be interested in entering League competition are urged to contact Welfare and Recreation Office, Ext. 26 for further information.

## • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 23 January  
**WHISPERING SMITH**  
Alan Ladd - Brenda Marshall  
Mutt in a Rut—News

Monday, 24 January  
**THE SHOWOFF**  
Red Skelton - Marilyn Maxwell  
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Mouse

Tuesday, 25 January  
**COMMAND DECISION**  
Clark Gable - Walter Pidgeon

Wednesday, 26 January  
**SMART GIRLS DON'T TALK**  
Virginia Mayo - Bruce Bennett  
Bone Sweet Bone

Thursday, 27 January  
**OLD FASHIONED GIRL**  
Gloria Jean - Frances Rafferty  
Grandfather's Follies

Friday, 28 January  
**THAT LADY IN ERMINE**  
B. Grable - D. Fairbanks  
Yankee Ski-Doodle—News

Saturday, 29 January  
**THE SENATOR WAS INDISCREET**  
William Powell  
Coo-Coo Bird

## • CHUCKLES •

The landlord eyed his prospective tenant coldly. "I must remind you," he said, "that I will not tolerate children, dogs, cats, or parrots. And no piano playing. And no radio. Is that clear?"

"Yes, sir," said the tenant meekly. "But I think you ought to know that my fountain pen scratches a little."

The MD was confronted by a young man who insisted on congratulating him. "I benefited very much from your treatments," the visitor explained.

"But I never had you as a patient," the doctor argued.

"I know," the visitor assured him, "but my uncle did. I'm his heir."

The hillbilly tenor is an example of a singer that warbles by ear through his nose.







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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 29 January, 1949

## Captain C. A. Broaddus Selected For Promotion

### Merger of Medical Facilities Urged By Committee

Washington (AFPS) — Extensive consolidation of hospital care, the closing of three general hospitals, and increased common utilization of medical facilities by the three Armed Forces, was recently recommended by the Committee on Medical and Hospital Services of the Armed Forces in a report submitted to Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal.

The report submitted by Dr. Paul R. Hawley, chairman, specifically asks for the closing of the Navy Hospital at Pearl Harbor, McCornack (Army) General Hospital, Pasadena, Calif., and the Army's 22nd General Hospital at Guam.

The three hospitals recommended for reduction to station hospital status are the Fort Totten General Hospital in New York, the Tilton General Hospital, Camp Dix, N. J., and the 183rd General Hospital at Anchorage, Alaska. All three are Army installations.

In addition to the major changes, the committee recommended that 48 smaller medical units be reduced to dispensaries with no in-patient provisions and that patients at present in 38 General Hospitals be transferred to "suitable" facilities in another service.

The report stressed that the recommendations were intended to achieve "all practical economies in the use of funds," make the best use of limited medical personnel, conserve manpower and reduce the large cost of transferring patients long distances from their stations of duty.

The Committee also recommended that all hospitals used jointly by the Armed Forces be staffed in common by the services using the facility.

### Hospital Contributes \$250 to March o' Dimes

Oak Knoll's March of Dimes had brought in \$250 for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis up until yesterday, according to CDR E. C. Andrews, senior chaplain, who is conducting the drive here.

Although no more contributions will be solicited after today, anyone who has missed the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause may turn in his dimes or dollars at the chaplain's office, second deck, Building 1, Monday, CDR Andrews said.



### Staff Parties Planned For Valentine's Day

Hearts and cupid's darts will provide the decorative scheme for two parties scheduled on the compound in celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

On Saturday, February 12, from 1800 to 2400 staff officers and their ladies will attend a smorgasbord supper dance at the officers' club. A large crowd is expected to turn out for this informal party, and reservations are now being taken at the Chief Nurse's Office, Extension 245.

On Monday evening February 14, Eddie Fitzpatrick and his popular Hotel St. Francis Orchestra will play for an enlisted staff dance in the auditorium from 1800 to 2400. Fitzpatrick is being brought to Oak Knoll again through arrangements made by the Recreation Department.

Cambridge, Mass. (AFPS) — Harvard will make its first trip to the Pacific Coast since defeating Oregon in the 1920 Rose Bowl when they meet Stanford University in their 1949 grid opener next Sept 24.

### Commanding Officer's Message

*I am conscious and deeply appreciative of the fact that the good work done by everyone at Oak Knoll was a considerable factor in my being selected for promotion to Rear Admiral. I want to express my deepest gratitude to all hands for the fine job you have done for this hospital during my command.*

*Unfortunately the pleasure I have derived from my good fortune is dampened by the fact that it will necessitate my leaving Oak Knoll.*

C. A. BROADDUS  
Captain, MC, USN

### Station Skipper To Be Advanced To Rear Admiral

Excitement ran high at Oak Knoll this week as the Medical Officer in Command received word of his selection for the rank of Rear Admiral in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy. The news came Tuesday morning at the conclusion of a ten-day session of the selection board of which Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, Inspector of Pacific Coast Medical Activities, was the senior member, and after President Truman had approved the board's recommendations.

#### 32 Years in Navy

The new admiral, a native of Newtown, Virginia, has served in the Navy for nearly 32 years, having been commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in 1917 immediately after receiving his MD from the Medical College of Virginia. His promotion climaxes a colorful career of service aboard a variety of ships and shore stations around the world.

In February 1941 he became Force Surgeon on the staff of Vice Admiral Wilson Brown, Commander, Scouting Force, Pacific Fleet, and was serving with him on the Flagship, USS Indianapolis, when war was declared. Later he was aboard the old USS Lexington (CV2) for several months, during which time she participated in two battles. He then joined the Amphibious Forces for action in the Aleutians and the South Pacific. During his 43 months of Pacific duty he served on the staffs of Vice Admiral Brown and Rear Admirals Draemel, Rockwell, and Conolly. In four major amphibious operations he was the Attack Force Surgeon.

#### Wears Silver Star

In 1943 Captain Broaddus was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Attu when he directed Naval medical activities afloat and ashore. For his service there he also received a commendatory letter from the Commanding General, Seventh Division, U. S. Army, which made the landings at Attu. Also conspicuous among his decorations is the Legion of Merit with a gold star in lieu of a second award—the first given for meritorious service during the amphibious assaults on Kwajalein and Guam from December, 1943, to August, 1944, the second for his service as Scouting Force Surgeon. His Legion of Merit bears one combat distinguishing device. The Admiral also wears the Marine Corps Expedition-

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# The Oak Leaf

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## Safety Pays Dividends

A civilization may be measured by the amount of protection given each individual member of society. Man's most ancient struggle is that of physical survival. This struggle has been going on since the beginning of history and in altered fashion, is still going on today.

In the beginning, the struggle was against the hazards of nature, but, in the course of time, nature, for the most part, has been conquered. Now, the great struggle is against hazards created by man himself. It is up to us, acting both as individuals and as an organized society, to strive continually to reduce these hazards to an absolute minimum.

The individual is a precious thing. According to our Western political, social and religious concepts he is the yardstick of all effort. Each individual has certain inalienable rights, as was so clearly recognized by the wise men who founded our nation. Among these are the right to life and the right to happiness.

These are not just empty words. They mean much. A man cannot lead a full life, a happy life, a productive life, if he cannot work in safety, if he cannot be sure that he is protected to the maximum possible extent. He has a right to such protection. That is why planners and supervisors must see to it that working conditions are of the best possible sort, that their men are not exposed unnecessarily to injury.

But, along with this right to protection, the worker also has a duty—a duty to himself and to his fellow worker. He must work with due caution and follow the rules of safety, for the carelessness of one man may jeopardize many. The thoughtlessness of one man may lead to the unhappiness of many.

Safety, in effect, boils down to proper planning, good indoctrination, and constant alertness. A defect in one of these essentials nullifies the remainder. To make safety work requires the constant cooperation of the managers, who make the rules, and the workers, who put them into effect.

From an economic standpoint, safety pays dividends. An injured man is so many skilled man-hours lost, so much production lost. But this is really beside the point. What really matters is the fact that the individual must be protected from injury, both for his own happiness, and the happiness of his family.

In the Navy we have always planned, and will continue to plan, with this in mind. It is the individual that counts.

—Admiral Louis E. Denfield, Chief of Naval Operations.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Increasingly, in the world in which we live, the amount of physical security available to us is lessened. Human life today is cheap. For those who are basely selfish this is a tragedy—for those who live the life of love and service, it is relatively unimportant. Even prison and persecution will not daunt the Christian, because he lives for One who is supreme over all earthly rulers and powers.

More important than personal happiness and safety, more important than freedom from the slavery to an enemy, is the soul freedom which no man can take from us. Of what value is political, religious, and economic freedom if we have subscribed to a slavery of sin which holds us in the bondage of evil habits and ideals? Our nation and the world must learn that material things are valueless, even dangerous, if we have not achieved a spiritual and moral freedom that transcends in value all earthly powers and riches. Yes, better to be a Christian than to be politically free, yet bound by the bonds of sin and selfishness to a way of living which is morally and spiritually degrading.

The Christian life issues in a victory that no amount of force or power can shatter. Let us, then, cherish those values which are more important than life itself.

Submitted by B. T. POZNANSKI, Catholic Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Popular Demand:** Since the time of the wrestling demonstration at the Lounge Building 102, sponsored by Jay Holt, well-known service station attendant, there have been repeated inquiries from patients as to other sport shows, both in the Lounge and on the wards. Holt has expressed willingness to provide some first-rate Bay region sports talent or informal demonstrations at Oak Knoll. What he wants to know (and so do we) is this: What sports are you men particularly interested in? There is a wide field to choose from and perhaps some of the more unusual—as well as seasonal sports, would be interesting to see. The Red Cross and Holt will welcome your suggestions.

**Brain Trusters!** A hot checkers tournament conducted by Gerold Ramsey, Veteran, Ward 64B, has been holding the interest of the entire ward during the past week. Contestants who aired all their checker tactics and tricks were Veterans Ramsey, Fred Bettencourt, Raylando Salcido, P. E. Petty, PFC, George Mickie, A. Sanderson, SN, Sidney Hutchinson, SN; Harold Hinton, A1; B. Vandenburg, SN; R. Durland, SN, and J. J. Crayton, FA.

After several good matches, complete with kibitzers and rooting sections, P. E. Petty emerged as the winnah and Checkers Champ! Does anyone in other Wards figure that he is pretty good at this old cracker box pastime? Red Cross will provide the prizes if you want a tournament!

**Buttons n' Bows.** One Red Cross service that is little known at this base is provided by Miss Emma Simpson, Staff Aide, who comes once a week to help with sewing and other necessary work. Once a month Miss Simpson goes to the pediatrics ward and repairs the considerable damage done to clothes by restless youngsters. (And they can do plenty!) According to many of these small patients, buttons are a challenge to their ingenuity and just made to be picked off. To date, Miss Simpson manages to keep just one jump ahead of them by firmly re-anchoring buttons that are just about due to come off and be lost forever. (We wouldn't suggest that anyone would swallow a button—but they have been known to disappear entirely!)

**Thrilling Rescue!** If it had not been for the watchful eye of Mr. A. Blumberg, Veteran, Ward 75B, the tropical fish in the aquarium would have gone to join their finny forefathers. During the cold spell last week Mr. Blumberg checked on the handsome little fish late one night and found them floating about nearly frozen to death. The water control heater was decidedly out of order. Quickly rushing to their aid with warm water and aspirin he revived the stricken fish just in time! Mr. Blumberg has now left the hospital but delegated the responsibility of "Keeper of the Fish" to Lawrence Stokes, Veteran, who is keeping up the good work. The aquarium on 75B has had fewer casualties than any other group of fish in the hospital.



## Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Skipper To Be Advanced

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ary Medal; Victory Medal, World War I; Haitian Campaign Medal; Yangtze Service Medal; American Defense Service Medal (one star); Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal (four stars); American Area Campaign Medal; Victory Medal World War II; and Navy Expert Rifleman Medal.

The Navy doctor's post-war assignment include seventeen months as executive officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, ten months as medical officer in command of U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, and his present command.

Today while carrying on his many administrative duties, Broadus is awaiting orders to a new assignment and receiving the congratulations of his many friends here and at other Naval installations throughout the country.

## DIDN'T EVEN TICKLE

**Grenoble, France (AFPS)** — The stranger walked into the cafe and fired three times into Andre Alexandre's left leg while he was drinking coffee.

Alexandre didn't mind. He has had a wooden left leg since World War I.

**Stamp Collector.** M. B. McIntosh, Veteran, 71B, is starting all over again. Stamp collector of experience McIntosh decided that while in the hospital he would utilize the Red Cross stamp collectors facilities and start a brand new collection. This patient, by the way, instructed Army and Navy officers in the Japanese language before the war.



## Who's Who On The Compound



Detached from the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in October 1946, **LT Harry C. Barton, MC, USN**, reported to Oak Knoll 1 November 1946 and has been a familiar figure in the hospital's medical wards ever since. At the present time he is under residency type training in internal medicine.

Originally from Nebraska, Dr. Barton entered the Navy in 1943, completed his internship at U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, and shortly thereafter was detached and ordered to report to the 6th Marine Division, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and China were itinerary stops for the lieutenant during his service with the Marines. While in China, he served as medical director of processing for evacuation of 175,000 Japanese and remembers it as "wonderful duty."

The doctor's hobby is collecting Japanese sword mounts and arms, of which he has a fair collection, also Chinese bronzes.

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**Flora K. Wright, HM1, W, USN**, a native of Bedford, Mass., probably has found much about the Bay Area these past two weeks (Isn't it cold?) to remind her of her home state.

Enlisting in the Navy 10 April 1944, Flora went through the inevitable boot camp and thence to U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, where she received her Hospital Corps indoctrination course. She reported to Oak Knoll from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro, Calif., in August 1946 and is currently assigned to the Physiotherapy Department here.

An ardent and capable equestrienne, Flora maintains her membership in the Boot and Saddle Club of Boston, Mass. She is also an avid reader and record collector.

**LTJG Helen E. Casby, NC, USN**, has reason to believe the Navy's posters which expound travel opportunities to applicants. Since 4 April 1944 when she accepted a commission in the Navy Nurse Corps, Miss Casby has been attached to Naval hospitals on both coasts and in the Hawaiian Islands. Her duty at Aiea Heights in Honolulu afforded her additional opportunity to travel and discover the many interesting and varied attractions that lure vacationing mainlanders to that Pacific playground.

A native of New York state and member of the American Nurses Association, Miss Casby reported to Oak Knoll from Aiea Heights last November and at present is assigned to Ward 73A.

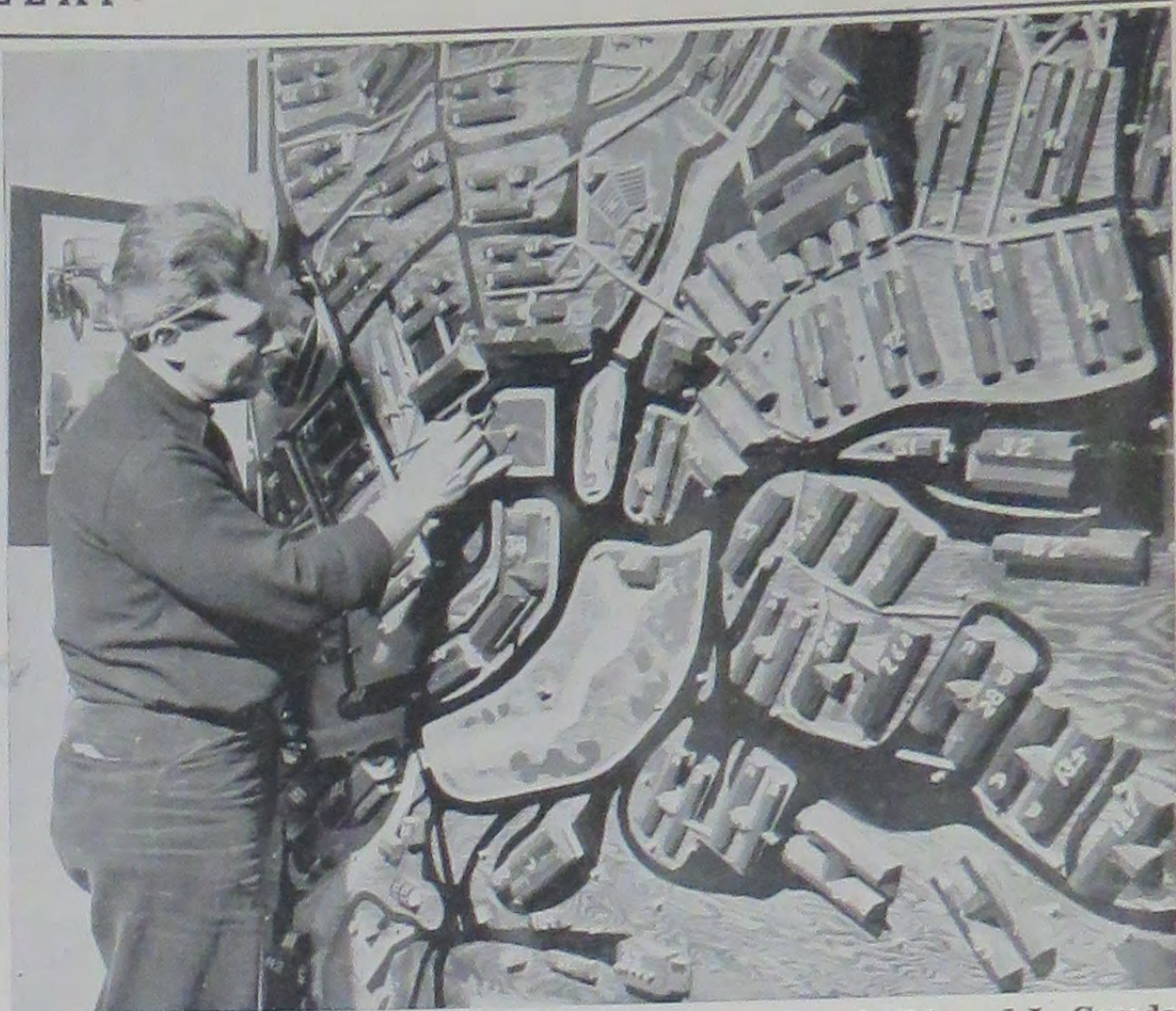
Swimming and horseback riding are her favorite outdoor recreational activities, while camera studies and collecting records take up many of her off-duty hours indoors.



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A key position in the Civilian Personnel Office is held by **Ella C. Burr**, who joined the staff in August 1947, transferring to Oak Knoll from the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Livermore.

Although she is a native of Nebraska, Mrs. Burr has chosen California as her home, and at the present time she makes her home in Pleasanton, commuting each day with her husband, Pete Burr, employee in the hospital's fire department. After her day's work as a personnel clerk and housewife are over, Ella enjoys spending a quiet evening at home, especially if there's a good book at hand. On rare days off, if given her choice of recreational activities, she would go fishing or bowling.



Shown putting Gendreau's Circle flag pole in place is Edward L. Cereda, civilian firefighter. That was the finishing touch to the detailed map of the station constructed by members of the Fire Department for their own use.

## "Truth Will Out" Is Moral To This Story

"Early or late truth will out" is an old saying which has proved too true in at least these two instances at Oak Knoll.

For nearly a year the Out-Patient Department has prepared for publication the column "Life Begins at Oak Knoll." The father of each new baby thus announced, wherever he is, is sent a copy of the paper so that he may read with pride the official announcement of his child's arrival. This courtesy as a rule has been received favorably. Not so in one case, which brought a reply from a perplexed and somewhat vexed Navy man in Florida. The Oak Leaf had followed him from station to station, overseas and stateside, finally overtaking him six months after it left the Knoll postoffice.

"To date this is the first word I have had concerning the arrival of this baby," the father's request for confirmation of the news stated.

There is more to this story, but the rest will of necessity be left to the reader's imagination.

And over in Liverpool, England, a few weeks ago a Patient Personnel office dispatch reported the critical illness of a veteran patient. The news that he lived was perhaps a greater shock than the fact that he was fatally ill. Apparently in his illness the patient wanted to send a last word to his family—or it is possible he was not even aware that he was supplying the name of a next of kin. At any rate a message was sent to his sister and a prompt reply came back, registering both grief and amazement. The last word the veteran's family (which includes three sisters, a brother, a wife and several children) had received about him was the report of his drowning in 1940.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOUND**—Ronson cigarette lighter. Loser may claim same by contacting Chief Fulton in Patient Personnel Office, Ad Bldg., and properly identifying the lighter.

## Detailed Station Map To Help Firefighters

A detailed station map complete with wooden buildings, properly numbered, and showing all roads, ramps, and fire hydrants, with a comprehensive chart listing the buildings with zone markers, now adorns the wall of the firehouse and enables Oak Knoll firefighters to spot instantly the location of an alarm. Complete in all details, the map even includes the flag pole located in Gendreau Circle.

Realizing that conventional maps of the station might be supplanted by a type better adapted to fire department needs, Fire Chief Raser and Assistant Fire Chief Pettigrew initiated action and under the general supervision of Edward L. Cereda, all hands in the department pitched in. Technical construction problems were solved with the assistance of Graydon Bannert, carpenter, and Earl Mountain, painter.

The scale was set at three inches to every 100 feet and approximately 700 pieces of wood and other material were used in the map's construction.

With all members of the fire department working on the project in their spare moments, it is estimated that approximately 20 hours working time was consumed in completing the scale model of the hospital.

## Here and There

Two of Oak Knoll's younger staff officers, LTJGs Warren C. Evans and Chester L. Klein, welcomed additions to their family circle last week. On Wednesday, 19 January, a boy weighing seven pounds 13 ounces was the cause of Dr. Evans' slightly flustered but proud smile; while a girl, Katherine Ann, weighing six pounds 12 ounces was sufficient reason for Dr. Klein to hand out cigars Friday, 21 January.

**Father-in-Law:** "I suppose you know that when I die my daughter will inherit 50 thousand dollars . . . well, why don't you say something?"  
**Husband:** "Drop dead."



### LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-three births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period January 16 to 22 inclusive. Statistics follow:

**January 16**  
HONEYCUTT, Robert Raymond—To wife of James W. Honeycutt, SN, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
SHEPPARD, Maxine Loreene—To wife of John S. Sheppard, BTC, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

**January 17**  
CHAMBERLAIN, Michael Roy—To wife of Clark W. Chamberlain, BM2, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.  
WHEELER, Rebecca Ann—To wife of Charles D. Wheeler, MM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
PRICE, Karen Louise—To wife of Wilmer Price, RD3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
JEPPSON, Jane Elizabeth—To wife of Robert B. Jeppson, LT, 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.

**January 18**  
LAWSHE, Barbara Ann—To wife of Glenn R. Lawshe, AK2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
TIMMONS, Linda Ann—To wife of Robert M. Timmons, AD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
JOHNSON, Bruce—To wife of Jake E. Johnson, TN1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.  
BEALL, (Boy)—To wife of John Dean Beall, Ch. Re. Elect., 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

**January 19**  
EVANS, (Boy)—To wife of Warren C. Evans, LTJG, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
STEFFEN, Susan Lynne—To wife of Tom B. Steffen, GM1, 7 pounds, 11½ ounces.  
HUNSUCKER, Richard Arnold—To wife of William S. Hunsucker Jr., SN, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.  
GLISCHINSKI, Mary Jean—To wife of Edward Glischinski, DTC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

**January 20**  
BOYD, Roger Jerome—To wife of William Boyd, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
SALMON, Wilfred Glen Jr.—To wife of Wilfred G. Salmon, CS3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

**January 21**  
MCBRIDE, Jeffrey Eugene—To wife of Eugene K. McBride, AD3, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.  
KLEIN, Katherine Ann—To wife of Chester L. Klein, LTJG, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

**January 22**  
SAIN, John Thomas Jr.—To wife of John T. Sain, Y2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
BALTAZAR, Francisco—To wife of Thomas R. Baltazar, SN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
MCGINNIS, Jeannette Lea—To wife of Frank McGinnis, BM3, 7 pounds, ½ ounce.  
CADDEL, James Robert—To wife of Odis E. Caddel, CPL, 11 pounds, 10 ounces.  
THORNDIKE, Davolyn Jo—To wife of David M. Thorndike, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

### Welcome and Farewell

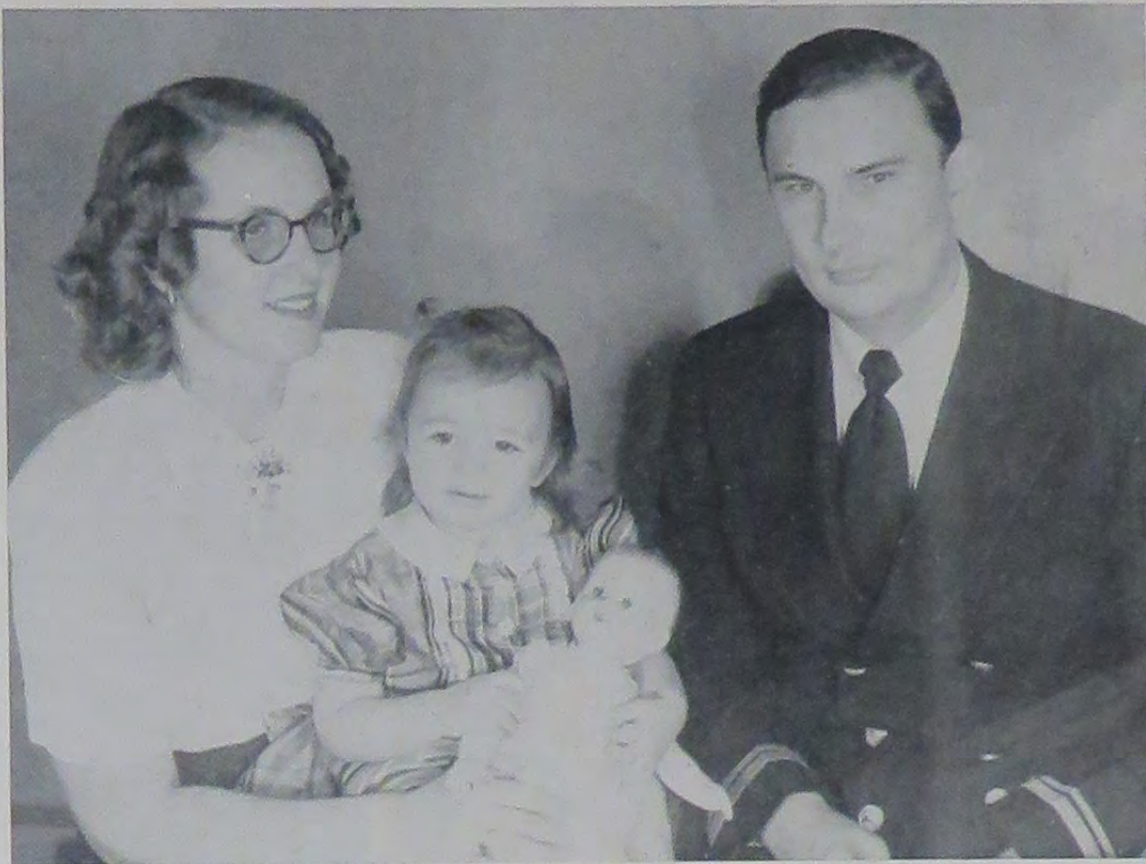
Officers and enlisted men reporting aboard for duty during the past week included LCDR R. F. McComas, CHC, USN; LT Edith L. Robinson, NC, from U. S. Naval Dispensary, Chincoteague, Va.; LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC, from Great Lakes, Ill.; LTJGs J. A. Hardie, D. A. Hudson, and K. H. Geocaris, MCR, USNR, interns, and eight men from Hospital Corps School, San Diego. They were T. L. Bachman, H. E. Brinkerhoff, J. G. Caudillo, H. C. Doughty, Jr., G. L. Fulcher, R. A. Hillman, W. A. Mullen, and S. E. White.

Detached during the week were LT Emma E. Tyson, NC, to N.A.S. Alameda; ENS Betty Lauridson, NC, to USNH, Great Lakes; ENS Barbara J. Heine, NC, to Naval Dispensary, El Toro, Calif.; ENS Margaret E. Embry, NC, to Naval Dispensary, Tongue Point, Oregon; H. W. Fleming, HN, to USNH, Mare Island; J. P. Sidwell, HM3, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nevada; R. W. Alden, HN, to U.S.S. Agerholm, DD-826; E. E. Gandy, HA, to DesDiv 11 for assignment, and J. D. Tigert, HA, to DesDiv 132 for assignment.

CDR C. R. Carr, MC, USN, left on temporary additional duty in Chicago, Ill., to take final examinations before the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Most women not only keep their girlish figures, they double them.

## Presenting An Oak Knoll Family



Pictured above is an Oak Knoll Navy family that soon will be telling personnel on Guam, M.I., of the unusual weather they have experienced in California this winter. Under orders detaching him to U. S. Naval Hospital, Guam, LTJG Leonard V. Phillips, MC, USN, expects his wife Lois and their 20 months old daughter, Barbara Jean, to follow him there.

Following a civilian internship, Dr. Phillips reported to Oak Knoll in July 1947 and was assigned to the medical service. During his tour here, the young doctor completed a year of residency type training in internal medicine.

Big Nine football activities and fishing are Dr. Phillips' only diversions from his work at the hospital.

Until officially detached the family will continue to reside in the nearby Homaja Housing Project.

## KNOLL SPORTS

The Married Chiefs and Pharmacy went into a two-way tie for first place following last week's matches in the station bowling league.

In their game against Dental, the Married Chiefs scorched the alleys with a blazing 2907 (without handicap) to take all four points and establish a new alley record. Chief Amgwert was chief stoker as he rolled a three-game total of 539 to pace the torrid keggers.

League Standings		Points
1. Married Chiefs	.....	7
2. Pharmacy	.....	7
3. Laboratory	.....	6
4. CPO's	.....	6
5. O.P.D.	.....	4
6. X-ray	.....	4
7. Dental	.....	3
8. Nurses	.....	1
9. Central Supply	.....	1
10. Property and Accounting	.....	1

Oak Knoll's basketballers dropped their first game last week to N.A.S., Alameda, 84-56, and then resumed their winning ways by taking the Naval Supply Center's Marines 45-29, and repeating the following night over the U.S.S. Valley Forge quintet, 59-40.

In the game against Alameda, the Knollites kept within hailing distance of a revamped air station team until the final period when the Air-dale's strong reserve power proved too much for the Lions to overcome. M. J. Campbell, with 25 points, and F. Bell, with 15, led Oak Knoll scoring.

The Knoll rooters who accompanied the team to the Naval Supply Center Monday night, 24 January, helped spur the Lions on to their

triumph over the NSC Marines, 45-29. Displaying good teamwork and back-board control, the local quintet's superiority over the Marine team was evident at the start and the outcome was never in doubt. Excellent play by C. M. Hodge and M. Campbell, the latter scoring 21 points, highlighted the game.

OAK KNOLL				
	FG	FT	F	Pts
Campbell, rf	10	1	8	21
Hodge, lf	4	3	2	11
Ellis, lf	0	0	0	0
Dugoni, c	2	1	0	5
Branson, c	1	1	2	3
Johnson, rg	0	1	1	1
Brandt, lg	2	0	0	4
Bouche, lg	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	7	8	45

NSC MARINES				
	FG	FT	F	Pts
Mongoivi, rf	2	2	3	6
Cook, lf	7	2	0	16
Visser, c	1	1	4	3
Deasy, rg	0	0	0	0
Dickman, rg	0	0	1	0
Knight, lg	1	0	0	2
Rund, lg	1	0	2	2
Totals	12	5	10	29

Paced by M. J. Campbell's 31 points—more than half of the Lions' total for the game, the Knollites had little difficulty in swamping the U.S.S. Valley Forge team last Tuesday night, 25 January, 59-40, in the Yerba Buena Island court. In the last ten games, Campbell has averaged better than 15 points per game. The versatile Oak Knoll star, whose usual position is forward, held down the center spot in Tuesday night's game.

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### • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 30 January  
**WAKE OF THE RED WITCH**  
J. Wayne - G. Russell  
News

Monday, 31 January  
**SECRET HEART**  
C. Colbert - W. Pidgeon  
Football Thrills No. 6

Tuesday, 1 February  
**CHICKEN EVERY SUNDAY**  
D. Dailey - C. Holm  
Out Again In Again

Wednesday, 2 February  
**MANHATTAN ANGEL**  
G. Jean - R. Ford  
He's In Again

Thursday, 3 February  
**SHOCKPROOF**  
Cornel Wilde  
Robin Hoodlum

Friday, 4 February  
**THE SNAKE PIT**  
O. de Haviland - Leo Genn

Saturday, 5 February  
**NAKED CITY**  
Barry Fitzgerald  
Bare Facts

OAK KNOLL				
	FG	FT	F	Pts
Hodge, rf	3	0	3	
Boucha, lf	0	0	3	
Branson, lf	0	1	5	
Jackson, lf	4	1	3	
Campbell, c	14	3	4	
Brandt, rg	1	1	1	
Ellis, rg	0	0	2	
Johnson, lg	4	1	1	
Totals	26	8	22	

U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE				
	FG	FT	F	Pts
Collins, rf	4	1	2	
Shultz, lf	1	3	5	
Hicks, c	5	2	5	
Merimer, c	0	0	3	
Hiossier, rg	2	3	1	
Gomory, lg	2	0	5	
Mireate, lg	0	3	0	
Totals	14	12	21	

Half time score: Oak Knoll 31; Valley Forge 15.





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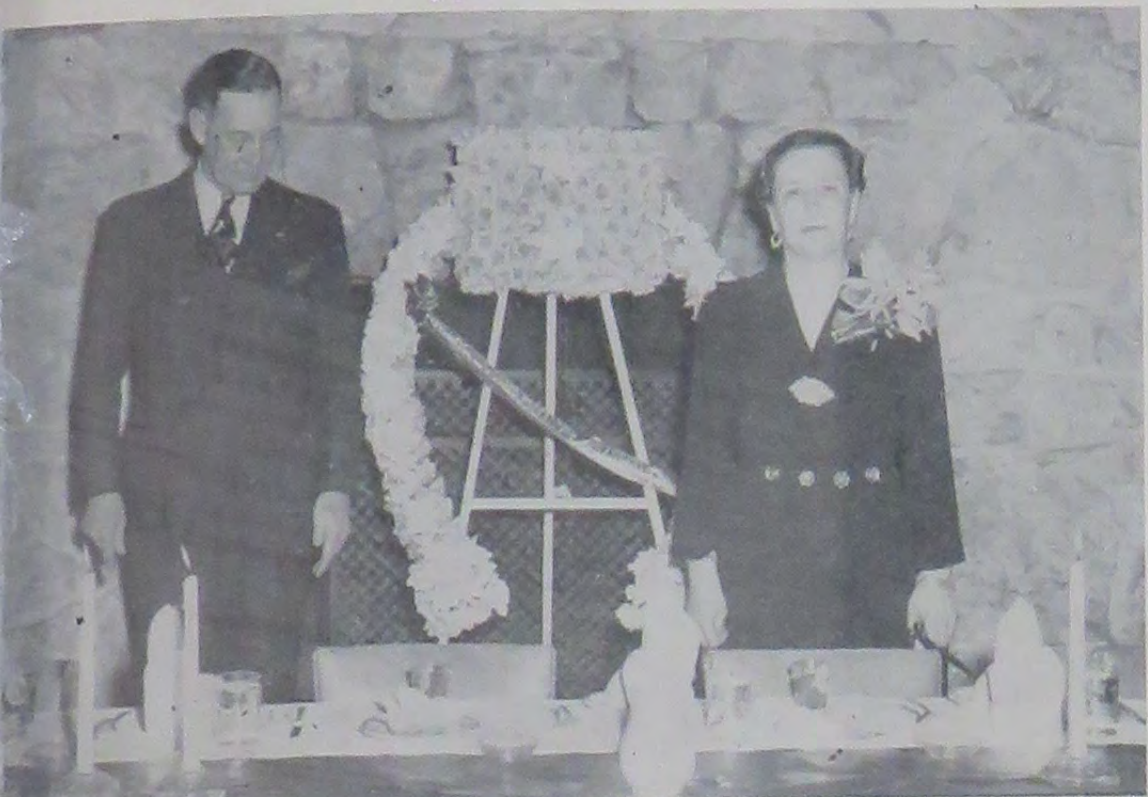


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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 5 February, 1949

## Commanding Officer, Mrs. Broaddus Honored At Officers' Club Party



To celebrate the Commanding Officer's selection for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral, staff officers dined and danced at the club last Friday night. Speeches in which the newly selected Admiral and Mrs. Broaddus thanked the staff for their share in the success of the hospital and its skipper, were followed by rounds of applause from the audience, as well as by the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

## Battle Series Volume Tells Okinawa Story

(SEA) The part played by the Navy and Marine Corps in taking the Ryukyu Islands during the last stages of the march toward the Japanese homeland is graphically portrayed in the third volume of a historical series depicting the Army in World War II. Entitled "Okinawa: The Last Battle," the book is on sale for \$6 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. It is the first combat history to appear in the Army's 99-volume series. Two previous volumes were devoted to a documentation of the organization of the Army Ground Forces.

Much of the material for the book was gathered at the front lines from interviews with the fighting men as

## Deadline Nears For All Uniform Readjustments

(SEA) — All uniform regulations which became effective 2 April 1948 must be complied with by 2 April 1949.

By that date, all personnel should have their uniforms in order. This includes all new rating insignia, specialty marks, seamen, firemen and airmen stripes, etc.

well as with commanders while events still were fresh in their memories. The book re-tells in detail one of the most savage military encounters in history.

More than 200 photographs, 54 maps and diagrams illustrate the heavily bound book.

## Red Cross Worker From South Africa Visits Oak Knoll

Introducing occupational therapy in the hospitals of South Africa is the work of Miss Dudley Smith of the South African Red Cross, who visited Oak Knoll last week.

In the United States on a Carnegie Corporation grant which enables her to study therapeutic methods of rehabilitation, Miss Smith is visiting hospitals, universities, and rehabilitation centers in all the major cities in this country. Oak Knoll was her first stop at a Navy Hospital.

In 1939 Miss Smith began her work in occupational therapy, and during the war did much to organize and promote this effective type of rehabilitation in military and civilian hospitals in England. Three years ago she began her work with the Red Cross in Johannesburg, first selling to hospital directors the idea and later installing equipment at various treatment centers.

Although the OT specialist's work is somewhat past the pioneering stage, she expects, upon her return to South Africa in March, to take with her many new ideas she has "picked up" during her tour of the states. (See picture on page two.)

## New Civilian Employees Bolster Hospital Staff

Thirteen civilians—eight men and five women—were added to the station's work force during the month of January, records of the Civilian Personnel Office reveal.

The new workers and their jobs are: Edward F. Groff, carpenter; Rex Holt, Eng. draftsman; Albert Vargas, machinist; Lee C. Erbe, firefighter; Bennie J. Agnew, laundryman; Henry "J" Tanksley, Edmond Joseph, and "M" "E" Felley, mess attendants; Anna M. Gary and Ophelia L. Majors, maids; Alice L. Smith, file clerk; and Jean K. Carnell and Almira B. Metz, staff nurses.

## CEREMONY TO ACCOMPANY RETIREMENT FROM NAVY

(SEA)—Commanding officers have been urged to arrange suitable ceremonies to mark a man's transfer to a separation activity for further transfer to the Fleet Reserve or to the retired list.

Instructions issued in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 228-48 (NDB, 15 Dec. 1948) purpose to correct situations where "men in this category are transferred from their last permanent duty station without the expression of appreciation they so rightfully deserve."



CDR E. C. Andrews, CHC, USN, left, extends a welcoming hand to his relief, and the station's new senior chaplain, LCDR Robert F. McComas, CHC, USN, upon his arrival last week.

## Chaplain McComas Reports for Duty

The hospital's senior chaplain's office was taken over Monday by LCDR Robert F. McComas, CHC, USN, when he reported aboard to relieve CDR E. C. Andrews. Chaplain Andrews left this week for his new duty assignment at the Naval Air Station, Sangley Point, Luzon, P. I.

Commander McComas, a Methodist and a native of Massachusetts, is a graduate of Clark University and the Boston University School of Theology. He was ordained by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam at Ocean City, New Jersey, in 1942, and accepted his commission in the Navy at Boston, Mass., shortly thereafter. He is a member of the New England Conference.

The chaplain's Naval service has included duty aboard the U. S. S. Minneapolis (1943 and '44), following which he returned to the states and duty in Washington, D. C. Returning to sea in 1946, he served on the U. S. S. Crescent City and then reported to the 1st Marine Brigade on Guam, M. I. After being attached to the Marines for approximately a year, Chaplain McComas was then ordered to Oak Knoll, reporting here last week.

Married and the father of 2½-year-old Elizabeth, the chaplain maintains his permanent residence address in Spencer, Mass.

While attending Clark University, Chaplain McComas was a three-letter man in sports and keeps in trim now by participating in his favorite sports—tennis, swimming and baseball.



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## Heads Up, Sailor!

That we all live according to custom is a generally recognized fact. That custom plays an important role in the administration of a naval or military organization is also generally recognized. That regulations in the Navy are merely customs that have become crystallized because of long usage is readily apparent. And finally, that there is no more worthy test or valid indication of the value of anything than its survival against time, is irrefutable.

There is a little book written for the instruction and guidance of midshipmen entering the Naval Academy. It is entitled **Regulations, U. S. Naval Academy**. In the beginning of that booklet there is a paragraph which reads as follows: "It should be the first duty and pride of a midshipman to learn and conform to the customs and traditions of the Naval Service. The rules for military etiquette are founded on custom and tradition, and their strict observance forms an important factor in the maintenance of discipline. It must be thoroughly understood at the outset that these evidences of respect and courtesy ought to be observed equally by all officers and men in the Naval Service, the junior to be the one to take the initiative." This enjoiner or directive is no more applicable to midshipmen than to personnel of the Naval Service at large.

So look alive, sailor, with an awareness of what constitutes conduct becoming and creditable to a man-o'-war's man of the world's mightiest Navy and observe that conduct at all times.

Our Navy moves into an era of peace which we hope will be lasting; but in time of peace as well as in time of war the Navy has a very definite and important mission before it. Let its personnel be keenly aware of that fact and of that mission which will be the dissemination of good will and the demonstration to the world of what represents our kind of civilization, and by your leave, Mr. Emerson, "The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out." It therefore devolves upon men of the Navy to reveal by their attitude for the naval service what manner of man makes our Navy and our country great.—Heads up, sailor!

—Excerpt from an article by RADM H. L. Pugh, MC, USN.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Church attendance at the hospital could be improved. Whatever criticisms might be made of the Church, it is still the foremost institution which has as its central purpose the cultivation of character, the reclamation of men and the making of a better world. The Church stands for spiritual, social, cultural, and economic uplift of all persons. If her teachings were practiced, all men could live in peace and harmony. We want these things, yet we don't give an hour a week to the organization whose purpose is to help us attain them.

Through worship we may become the recipients of a Divine power which is capable of ennobling and enriching our lives. If we feel we don't need God, then it is time that we learn the meaning of Christian humility and truth that we may behold ourselves as we really are and become dissatisfied with what we see. That is the first step on the path to self-improvement. Without being dissatisfied with what we are, we cannot possibly be forgiven for what has been or regenerated by the power of God for what is to be.

Too many of us are shooting at the wrong target, or shooting blanks at the right target. The Church can help us level our sights on life's best target, and give us the ammunition that will fire true and enable us to chalk up a better score in this business of living.

The Church offers you a higher vantage point from which to look at life and the world, a heightened estimate of human personality and a new sense of the meaning of life—but more important, the power to move you from where you are to where you ought to be.

ROBERT F. MCCOMAS, Protestant Chaplain.



## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630  
Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900  
**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

### HOW KIN YOU TELL?

Long Beach, Calif. (AFPS) — A bit confusin'—it says here.

When Clarence E. Davis, 73, a local resident wed here recently he did not become his own grandpa but—he did become the father-in-law of his own daughter, and stepfather of his son-in-law.

The son of his bride is married to Mr. Davis' daughter.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-eight births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period January 23 to 29 inclusive. Statistics follow:

**January 23**  
JONES, Eudeana Rae—To wife of Leland J. Jones, SN, 7 pounds 2 ounces.  
STRECK, (Boy)—To wife of Alexander Streck, Ch. Mach. Ret., 7 pounds 15 ounces.  
ISLER, David Albert—To wife of Wilford Albert Isler, AD2, 6 pounds 9½ ounces.  
**January 24**  
HILTON, (Girl)—To wife of Raymond Hilton, AM1, 7 pounds 11 ounces.  
ZAFFINO, Ronald Joseph—To wife of Joseph Zaffino, AGC, 6 pounds 15 ounces.  
COLLINS, Moses Charles—To wife of Moses Collins, SN, 9 pounds 1 ounce.  
McCLURE, Valerie Lynn — To wife of Jack Alden McClure, RD3, 6 pounds.  
**January 25**  
ALEXANDER, Roberta Leslie—To wife of Robert C. Alexander, BTFN, 8 pounds 15 ounces.  
EWALDT, (Boy)—To wife of Lawrence Ewaldt, AD2, 8 pounds 2½ ounces.  
GUTHRIE, (Girl)—To wife of John S. Guthrie, ET3, 5 pounds 13½ ounces.  
HERD, Allan Dean—To wife of Leo Herd T/SGT, 6 pounds 14 ounces.  
**January 26**  
O'HALLORAN, Ann Elizabeth—To wife of William J. O'Halloran, ET1, 7 pounds 1 ounce.  
SPILAK, Theresa Alice—To wife of Alexander J. Spilak, Bos'n, 7 pounds 2 ounces.  
WEBSTER, Rebecca Ann—To wife of Daniel B. Webster, SN, 6 pounds 2 ounces.  
ROUSSEAU, Francine Denise—To wife of Francis L. Rousseau, PFC, 6 pounds 3 ounces.  
**January 27**  
LAWS, David Thomas—To wife of Walter Laws, LTJG, 7 pounds 5 ounces.  
SMITH, Michael Kieth—To wife of Marvin K. Smith, CSC, 6 pounds 9 ounces.  
**January 28**  
LEE, Janis Leueen—To wife of Florin L. Lee, LTCDR, 5 pounds 9 ounces.  
JOHNSON, (Boy)—To wife of Dewey Lee Johnson, AA, 8 pounds 12 ounces.  
CHUN, Carolyn — To wife of William Chun, AD2, 6 pounds 5 ounces.  
MYERS, Mitchell West—To wife of William W. Myers, AD2, 6 pounds 7 ounces.  
WRENN, Joan Elizabeth—To wife of Elmer Wrenn, LTCOL, 9 pounds 9 ounces.  
CHILDERS, James Robert II—To wife of James R. Childers, AL1, 7 pounds 1 ounce.  
ROBBINS, Barbara Ann—To wife of Herbert Robbins, SD3, 8 pounds, 12½ ounces.  
**January 29**  
GAEDE, Richard Kieth — To wife of Roy Gaede, 7 pounds 9 ounces.  
PHILLIP, Sandra Lee—To wife of William D. Phillip, SN, 5 pounds 13 ounces.  
ANDERSON, Steven Fredrick—To wife of Eugene F. Anderson, ADC, 8 pounds 1 ounce.  
HATAWAY, Robert Edgar, Jr.—To wife of Robert E. Hataway, MA1, 7 pounds 8 ounces.

## South African RC Occupational Therapist Tours Hospital, Observes Facilities Here



Miss Dudley Smith of the South African Red Cross, last week visited Oak Knoll's Occupational Therapy department with Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director. Here the two Red Cross women are talking over the possibility of using fire nozzles and 40 millimeter shells for lamp bases.



# Red Cross Ramblings

**The Biggest Business:** Uncle Sam's Postal Service is frequently referred to as the Nation's biggest business—and we guess it must be true! Here, in the hospital, the increasing interest in **STAMP COLLECTING** is hard to keep up with, as new patients start collections each week. More experienced philatelists (same thing!) are busily augmenting collections they may have left at home. Although it is not a "business" to the men here, it is certainly a fascinating and potentially profitable hobby. Some recent additions to the active list of stamp collectors at Oak Knoll are G. V. Collins, ET3; J. W. Lair, SN; L. Dudley, DCSN; H. S. Adkins, all of Ward 70A; M. B. McIntosh, Vet., 71B; F. Kibbe, Vet., 63A; and Lt. W. R. Person, 40A.

The Stamp Club meets at 1400 every Wednesday in the Stamp Room, upstairs above the Lounge, Building 102. Come on down and meet the boys and Miss Edmonds of the Red Cross recreation staff. Give us your ideas and do a little trading. If you specialize, there will probably be a hundred spirit at these meetings. Even if you are a bed patient you can take an active part in the Stamp Club. Just let your ward recreation worker or a Gray Lady know that you are interested in stamps, and she will be that you get visitors and help, as well as stamp supplies. Try it—it's an absorbing pastime.

**More Champs:** J. T. Coody, MM, patient on 71B, is the proud recipient of a badge which proclaims him the "Cribbage Champ" of the ward, having won the right to wear it after some very stiff competition. They say uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, so Coody is bound to be a fair target for anyone who thinks himself a good cribbage player. The men in ward 44A are in the midst of another hard-fought cribbage tournament, and maybe some of these "champs" will get a chance to mix-it for a grand championship!

**Just an echo . . . Yoo . . . Hoo:** Strange and unearthly sounds are seeping out of Building 102 these days. Music hath charms and it also hath a lot of avid followers at the Red Cross Lounge and Music Room, so much so that the overflow is terrific! Although the jam-sessioners are in evidence at all times, the hillbilly bunch won't take a back seat to anybody and has an even greater following. With practice space at a premium, it is not unusual to hear sweet, or mournful tunes emanating from the Music Room, the hallway, office, supply room, and even the gear locker! As a result of this determination some very good hillbilly bands have developed. The latest includes Chester Steed, SN, Ward 44A, steel guitar; Bert Williams, CF, Ward 44A, accordion; Verne Campbell, TMC, Ward 44A, guitar; William Comer, SN, guitar; and Douglas Wakefield, MM2, 43B, guitar. They put out some good music!

"Have you ever appeared as a witness before?"  
"Yes, your honor."  
"In what suit?"  
"My blue serge."

# Who's Who On The Compound



A native Californian, **Lt. F. W. Cleary, MC, USN**, began his education at U.C., where R.O.T.C. gave him his first taste of military life. After graduation from McGill Medical School, Montreal, in '43, he began his Navy career by interning at Chelsea, Mass.

Highlight of his 18 months' Pacific duty was his service aboard the USS Tabberer DE 418 in the typhoon of 18 December '44, when the DD's Spence, Monahan, and Hull floundered. Of their combined complement of 700 men, 56 were saved. For their rescue, in which Lt. Cleary played no small part, the Tabberer, battered by the storm, and without radio communication, was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation.

After hours the doctor likes to act as fixit man around the house in Santa Cruz Island Village, where he and Mrs. Cleary, Winton, Gavin, and Virginia (4, 2, and 3 months) now make their home.



**Lt. Doris J. Burger, NC, USN**, has seen little of her native Ohio since being accepted into the Naval Service at Sampson, N. Y., May 4, 1943. Following her initial tour of duty there, Miss Burger's service in the Navy has included assignments at U.S.N.H., Oceanside, Calif.; the Receiving Hospital, San Francisco; U.S.S. Haven; U.S.N.H., Great Lakes, Ill., and the U.S.S. Repose when that ship was based at Tsingtao, China.

While attached to the U.S.S. Repose, and in company with other Nurse Corps officers, Miss Burger took advantage of short leave periods to visit the old China capitol at Peiping, and the cosmopolitan cities of Hongkong and Shanghai.

A graduate of the Massillon School of Nursing, Massillon, Ohio, Miss

Burger is currently assigned to the E.E.N.T. Clinic here.

A veteran of almost 12 years service, **L. E. Canaday, HMC, USN**, reported to Oak Knoll from the U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif., in December, 1948. He is the chief in charge of the hospital's Brace Shop.

Attached to the U.S. Marine 8th Regiment in 1940, Chief Canaday saw service with the Regiment during its part in the Guadalcanal campaign and later accompanied it to Wellington, New Zealand.

An LSM and two auxiliary ships, the USS Cacapon and USS Cavalier, were the next duty assignments for the chief. Aboard the latter two ships he cruised to Tsingtao, Korea, Singapore, and Arabia; and made a 1,000-mile Yangtze River trip on the LSM, visiting ports from Shanghai to Chungking.



**Mrs. Ethel B. Brusco**, chief clerk in the hospital's Disbursing Office, has served as a civilian worker with the Navy since January, 1941. Her initiation into the technicalities of Naval procedure began at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Chicago, Illinois, where she remained until transferring to Oak Knoll in February, 1946.

The native of Chicago now makes her home in Oakland and finds Bay Area weather ideally suited for pursuing her favorite hobby of growing African violets. Her other interests include collecting antiques, playing golf, and—for productive relaxation—knitting.

Mrs. Brusco also takes an active part in civic affairs, at present serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Oakland Business and Professional Women's Club.



Books recently received at the Library include the following:

New non-fiction: **The Third Marine Division**, by Robert Arthur; **Life's Little Dramas**, by Bart Hodges; **And There I Stood with My Piccolo**, by Meredith Willson; **Crossroads of America**, by Darrell Garwood; **Of Flight and Life**, by Charles Lindbergh; **A Book of Fishes**, by Kip Farrington.

New detectives: **Shadow of Fu Manchu**, by Sax Rohmer; **Run to Death**, by Patrick Quentin; **Halo for Satan**, by John Evans; **Over the Edge**, by Lawrence Treat; **Paul's Apartment**, by Van Siller; **The Three Roads**, by Kenneth Millar; **Map of Mistrust**, by Allan MacKinnon; **Too Good to be True**, by Joy Ferris Hutton; **The Devil's Stronghold**, by Leslie Ford.

The library has just received a number of copies of a book put out by the 105th United States Naval Construction Battalion. If anyone is interested in owning this book he may call for a copy at the library. We still have a number of copies available for distribution of a paperback book entitled **Marines at Midway**.

# Here and There

A stage show, featuring talent from various Bay Area night-spots, will be presented in the station auditorium the afternoon of Friday, February 11.

"Where's the party?" some one asked last Tuesday afternoon. At first there appeared to be no reason for the question, but a second glance at the OOD's watch list on the bulletin board revealed this announcement: Purinton Beer—Thomas Treet.

# Welcome and Farewell

Officers reporting aboard for duty during the past week included CDR R. B. Johnson, MC, USN, and LTJG V. R. Airola, MCR, USNR. CDR C. R. Carr, MC, USN, returned from temporary additional duty in Chicago, Ill.

Nine enlisted men were received from the Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif., they were L. B. Brewer, Jr., C. P. Curry, W. F. Gaston, D. L. Henderson, L. C. Johnston, R. L. Scott, W. O. Stephens, R. L. Worsham and G. F. Young.

Detached and transferred to other stations during the week were LTJG Olive C. Hurlock, NC, USN, to USNH, Bremerton, Washington, and M. E. Lucas, HMC, to Com-12 for assignment.

# SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

**Detroit (AFPS)**—Complaining of a "cold settled in her back," Mrs. Rose Bennick recently left her typist's desk for a day's rest at home. However, home remedies failed to ease her pain, and a few hours later she gave birth to an unexpected 7-pound daughter. "I had no idea I was going to have a baby," she marveled.









# THE OAK LEAF



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## New Committee Named to Handle Staff Recreation

Appointment of a new enlisted recreation committee was announced this week by the Commanding Officer.

Heading the group, which will meet at least once each month prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Recreation Council, is Robert L. Griffin, IMC.

Others who will take over the responsibility of planning recreation activities for enlisted staff personnel are Edward L. Wasser, HM1, William L. Kirk, HM2, Forrest "D" O'Dell, HM2; Crystal L. Phillips, HM3, Roger C. Barrett, HN, and Ronald E. McPherson, HN.

This committee relieves a group composed of L. J. Henny, HMC, Frances Williams, HMCA (W), H. C. Ballard, HM1, L. W. Auston, HA. Under the direction of the Recreation Officer, they have arranged all dances and other entertainment events held here during the past six months.

## Civilian Staff to Frolic At Big Bear Tavern

The Civilian Employees Association announces a dance to be held on Thursday, 24 February, starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Big Bear Tavern, 1300 Redwood Road. All members of the organization are urged to attend the dance and others interested may also come and join in the fun. The price of admission is fifty cents. As for what to wear—this will be strictly an informal affair.

Don Eschen of the Transportation Department, is in charge of ticket sales. Tickets may be purchased from the following people: Don Eschen, Transportation Office; Pat Bengé, Finance Office; Andy Gall, Public Works; George Garner, Fire Department; Bill Knight, Ship's Service; Audrey O'Hare, Commissary Office; Fred Rudolph, Laboratory; Pat Seward, Personnel Office; Nora Ward, Record Office; Bill Williams, Main Gate; and Lois Wilson, Out Patient Department.

Remember—Come and bring your guest to the Big Bear Tavern the night of 24 February. All civilians, staff members, and patients are cordially invited to attend.

## Officers to Dance

A smorgasbord supper dance for staff officers and their guests will be held at the Officers' Club Saturday, 12 February, from 1800 to 2400.

The many reservations that have been made in the Chief Nurse's Office indicate a capacity turn-out for this informal affair.

## Carpentry Therapy Brings Good Results



William Bowden, DCC, patient on Ward 61A, makes a final inspection of a combination desk, coffee table, filing cabinet, and end table unit he constructed in Occupational Therapy's carpenter shop. The cabinets are of mahogany veneer with inserted plastic tops, and the three panels in the desk top are leather covered. The desk top's folded legs may be opened so that it will serve as a coffee table.

Located in Building 27, the shop is open during regular working hours, with Chief Bowden in attendance to assist and advise personnel on woodworking problems. The chief's nineteen years of experience as a Navy carpenter and cabinet maker and the shop's many and varied power tools are ample reason for all hands to take advantage of this little-known station activity. Because no appropriation is available to provide lumber, personnel must furnish their own.



## A Doggy Valentine Greeting



Seeking inspiration for a Valentine Day picture, photographer Carl Sukanek stopped to deliver a box of candy to a friend. Inspiration (see picture above) came even sooner than he expected.

## Nation-wide Drive For ARC Funds Starts Feb. 28

President Truman and General Dwight D. Eisenhower will officially launch the 1949 Red Cross Fund Campaign at 9:30 p.m. (EST) Monday, February 28 over the nationwide facilities of the American Broadcasting Company, according to word received here this week by Miss Marie Adams, the Hospital's ARC Field Director.

At the same time the drive will get under way in every major city in the United States. And here at Oak Knoll, where the services of the Red Cross are particularly well known, members of the service and civilian staffs will have an opportunity to contribute. The drive will continue through the month of March.

### 271 Gray Ladies

It is interesting to note that during the past year Volunteer workers as well as paid staff members at this hospital, have given many hours of valuable service. For example, the Gray Ladies, 271 of them, spent a total of 16,114 hours on the wards. They ran errands, wrote letters, staged entertainments, taught classes, and helped in many other ways to make the patients comfortable and happy during their stay here.

Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley Red Cross chapter workers prepared 326,810 surgical dressings for use at this hospital during 1948.

### Many Services

These services and the many provided by social and recreational workers who visit the wards and conduct activities at the lounge and craft shop daily are not peculiar to Oak Knoll but are offered in Armed Forces and Veteran Hospitals throughout the nation.

In addition to service to hospitals, the Red Cross has many other major functions—disaster relief, blood donor service, community education (home nursing, nutrition, water safety, accident prevention, first aid), and international activities to promote good will.

## Youngsters At Play

Ware, Mass. (SEA)—A Cape Cod game warden believes he has found the country's oldest duck hunter.

In making his rounds, he came upon a 76-year-old man crouched in a blind. Asked how he was doing, the old fellow replied, "Poorly. But my father's doing right well."

A short distance away with a rapidly filling bag of ducks was the father—age 100.



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## The Salute

Numerous and sometimes fanciful are the various origins attributed to the salute, some of the versions military, some of them not, and one definitely on the romantic side.

Most colorful of the explanations, at least on the sinister side, is that which traces the salute back to a Roman custom of the time of the Borgias, if not earlier. Assassinations by the dagger being apparently a reigning fad then, it was the custom for men to approach each other with raised hands, palms to the front, thus offering assurance that there was no dagger concealed.

A romantic version of the knighthood-in-flower angle places the origin of the salute at the jousts and tournaments, when, after the Queen of Love and Beauty was crowned, the knights passed in review before her throne. Each knight as he drew near raised his mailed fist to shield his eyes—a subtle way of letting the lady know that her beauty blinded him. Many men today still have this trouble when they spot the scrambled eggs on the bill of an admiral's cap.

In the American Navy the hand salute comes to us most directly from the British Navy, which in turn borrowed it from the British Army.

There was little uniformity in half taking off their caps and some leaving them on, and it took a queen to bring some order out of this infinite variety. Because of her displeasure at seeing officers and men stand uncovered when they appeared for royal commendation, Queen Victoria decreed the hand salute only in January, 1890.

In the Navy, as in practically every military service in the world, everybody salutes—from the bottom to top and down again.

Any enlisted man who thinks that HE is burdened with a salute might well reflect on the fact that officers have about 1,000,000 more personnel to salute than does any enlisted man!

The fact that the salute is a simple and obvious gesture—and one which depends not upon paraphernalia but on the plain, warming fact that military men (and women, now) are meeting—makes it unique among military gestures. Its very simplicity has made it such a symbol that it assumes a great importance.

There is a great deal wrapped up in that simple gesture. It means, "I am a member of a great military organization, and proud of it."

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"I am neither for nor against religion. My philosophy is simply to live and let live."

How often have we heard—or perhaps made—statements such as this? On the surface such philosophy seems very plausible, and apparently it serves as a fine excuse for those who do not care to practice any religion, but a second study will reveal its many errors.

Tear apart the above statement, particularly the phrase "live and let live." What do they mean? They mean that if we carried them out we would be getting nowhere fast. In living we must make progress. If we are not making progress, we are not remaining motionless but slipping backwards, for in life there is no such thing as immobility. We either advance or retreat. Life is similar to a canoe trip up a river. When we stop rowing we do not remain motionless, but rather we drift backwards. So also, if we just live and let live we are not advancing, but drifting in reverse.

Now Christ teaches us how to advance in life. If we do not follow His commands, but follow only our own, namely, to live and let live, we cannot conclude that we are neither for nor against religion. If we are truly following the teachings of Christ, then we are **for** religion. If we only live and let live then we are **against** it. There can be no traveling on a middle road. It must be either one way or the other.

Let us think this matter over, and then ask ourselves—are we for or against religion?

Glen A. Rademacher, Catholic Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**House Building:** Some day you will build a home of your own—when you get rich enough!! How many times have you said that? How often have you sat down with a friend, a scrap of paper, and a pencil and said, "Now here's what I'd like to have, someday . . ." Maybe that day is closer than you think.

Have you let talk about permits, contracts, inspectors, cost-per-board-footage and green lumber scare you out of your notion, time after time? Do you really know what you could do yourself, with a little "know how" to cut actual costs way down. Figuring, of course, that you are willing to put a little time, thought, and real PLANNING into the matter.

There are men here in the hospital, lots of them, who have built their own homes. They've had experience. Also there are carpenters, masons, plumbers, electricians and others who have worked at it for years. A wealth of material is available regarding construction short-cuts, all types of basic wood, brick and stone, hardware and the latest developments in roofing, floor coverings, and plastics. To-scale building blocks, which the Red Cross has, may be used to visualize the finished model. Plans can be converted into blueprints simply and cheaply. A discussion group in Home Planning is being sponsored by the Red Cross at this hospital. If you are interested in building a home, or if you have any building trades skill, contact Miss Nahl at the Red Cross. She's building a home, too!

**There's Gold In Them Thar Hills!** Bert Lambert, Veteran, Ward 70B, celebrated his 75th birthday with all the trimmings and good wishes of his fellow ward members the other day. You should know something about Mr. Lambert. He's a real, honest-to-goodness gold prospector, who for many years worked out of Nevada City. We are not aware of the actual number of nuggets or the quantity of rich quartz Mr. Lambert found, but all agree that he located a Fountain of Youth in his search!

**What's Going On:** If you think you've seen everything, wait 'till you see the new models the Red Cross Craft Shop has to offer. These nifty little wood models include town and country convertibles, sport roadsters, racers, and even hot rods! If you want to make one, ask the Red Cross worker or Gray Lady on your ward. DANCING three times weekly in the Lounge, Building 102, from 1900 to 2100 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Charming girls and refreshments. And—remember—on Friday nights there is not only modern dancing but square and circle as well. Lots of fun! SWAP NIGHT on Tuesday, February 15, for the Stamp Club at 1900 in the Stamp Room, Building 102. For PHOTOGRAPHY FANS who want to develop and enlarge their own negatives and prints, Red Cross furnishes help, paper and solutions. Visit the Dark Room in Building 102 Monday through Friday from 1300 to 1600 or 1900 to 2100.

**Talent Right Here:** Norman Daw-

son, Veteran, Ward 45B, is giving some informal shows while being "detained" in the hospital. Wards other than his own have benefited from his talent as an impersonator. Dawson has done extra work at M.G.M., Paramount, and Republic pictures, and night club work in Miami, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

A hopeful writer submitted a poem entitled "Why Do I Live?" It was returned with a note from the editor reading, "We regret we cannot use your poem, but we can answer your question. It is because you mailed the poem to us instead of delivering it to a person."



## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Divine Service . . . . . 1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630  
Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## New Navy Radio Show To Go on Air in March

(SEA)—A series of 13 transcribed radio programs featuring Eddy Duchin and his orchestra will hit the air waves the first week in March. They will advertise the Navy's officer procurement and Naval Reserve recruiting efforts.

The series of programs will go on the air weekly and will be available to radio stations throughout the country. The 15-minute program will feature such vocalists as Jane Froman, Kay Armand, Connie Boswell, Jane Pickens, Bea Wain and Yvonne Price.

Produced by the Navy, the recorded entertainment is designed to spur interest in the Navy's recruiting program. At present shortages exist in the Medical Corps, aviation cadets and other specialties such as electronics and Seabees.



# Who's Who On The Compound



LTJG David P. McCallie, MCR, USNR, medical officer on Wards 46A and B, was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He entered the Navy in Philadelphia in 1943.

Accepted as a V-12 candidate during the war, Dr. McCallie received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and served his internship at the University's Hospital in that city. He was released to inactive duty in December, 1945, but returned to active Naval Service at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, in July, 1947, and reported to Oak Knoll 24 November of the same year.

A bachelor and resident of BOQ, the doctor's main hobby is "Keeping my car running." When the Model A is in good shape, Dr. McCallie pursues his favorite recreational activities—hunting and fishing.



Clothing and Small Stores Office has been under the steady management of Joe H. Jackson since May, 1946. Prior to that time while in patient status from January, 1943, to September, 1944, Chief Storekeeper Jackson, USN, spent eighteen months in Small Stores and thoroughly prepared himself for his subsequent return to Oak Knoll as a civilian worker in charge of that department.

The native of Cody, Wyoming, who shipped into the Navy in Los Angeles 9 May 1924 and retired after 20 years of continuous service, was aboard the USS Pensacola in the South Pacific during the early months of the war. Wounded when his ship was engaged in a night battle by the Japanese, Jackson returned to the states and this hospital for a long convalescence period.

Married, Jackson now resides in San Leandro with his wife Lillian,

his daughter Charlotte, 17, and a 12-year-old son, Raymond.

The many miles registered on his new car's dashboard testifies to the numerous trips Jackson makes to his favorite hunting and fishing areas.

Commissioned in the Navy Nurse Corps in June, 1947, Ensign Wilma Elaine Roberts, NC, USN, was ordered to her first Navy assignment at Oak Knoll. Having recently returned from leave in Tulsa, she is now on duty in Ward 73A.

A native of Tulsa, Miss Roberts was educated in that Oklahoma city. Following her graduation from the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital School of Nursing she journeyed to Los Angeles to begin her nursing career at a Veterans Administration Hospital.

Los Angeles is still Ensign Roberts favorite city. Her favorite recreational activities are golf, horseback riding, ice skating, and week-end trips visiting coastal towns.



The West has been familiar country to Dean K. Welch, HM3, USN, since his birth in Billings, Montana, and he intends to keep it so after his discharge from the Navy in July, 1950. A graduate of the high school in Casper, Wyoming, he plans to enroll in the University of North Dakota at the expiration of his Naval service.

Enlisting in the Navy in Denver, Colorado, July 30, 1947, Welch completed boot camp and Hospital Corps School in San Diego, and reported to Oak Knoll in March, 1948. At present he is detailed to the hospital pharmacy.

The corpsman's off-duty interests include swimming and bowling in the station's intra-department league. (Pharmacy, his team, is currently leading the league.)



## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Two sets of twins are included in the thirty-four births recorded by Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period January 30 to February 5 inclusive. Statistics follow:

January 30  
KENNEDY, Marcel Richard and John Daniel—To wife of Marcel J. Kennedy, SN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces and 5 pounds, 15 ounces.  
POE, Kathleen Eileen—To wife of Albert L. Poe, AD1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.  
BRANTLEY, (Boy)—To wife of William Brantley, SK1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

January 31  
SPIKER, Patricia Diane—To wife of William R. Spiker, AD3, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.  
MERRITT, Elaine Marie — To wife of John T. Merritt, AD2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.  
ROGERS, Chester Sidney, III—To wife of C. S. Rogers, Jr., T/SGT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

February 1  
COLLINS, Priscilla Ann—To wife of Edward Collins, AD1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
TAFES, Margaret Elizabeth—To wife of Olav Taffs, ETC, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
RAMET, Bruce Charles — To wife of George Ramet, ENC, 8 pounds, 13½ ounces.

February 2  
BUMP, (Boy)—To wife of Donald M. Bump, RM1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
RIBKEN, Michael Allen — To wife of George Ribken, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
LAW, Larry Ed—To wife of Lawrence Law, AO1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.  
LEONE, Kenneth Gary—To wife of Kenneth L. Leone, SGT, 9 pounds.  
JEWELL, (Girl)—To wife of Richard Jewell, ADC, 8 pounds, 9½ ounces.

February 3  
IANNARELLI, Alfred Victor, Jr. — To wife of A. V. Iannarelli, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
RYEL, Glenda Jo and Glenn Wesley, III —To wife of G. W. Ryel, Jr., 5 pounds, 13 ounces and 6 pounds, 7½ ounces.  
GETZ, Rebecca Kathleen—To wife of John T. Getz, AA, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
WATERS, Steven Louis—To wife of Robert Waters, CPL, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
ANDERSON, Michael Little—To wife of Hugh L. Anderson, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

February 4  
BOUCHER, Paula Renee — To wife of Loren E. Boucher, FN, 7 pounds.  
KIMBRELL, Kerry Patrick—To wife of Robert J. Kimbrell, BM1, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.  
RICHARDS, Robert Ernest—To wife of Wallace B. Richards, AOC, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.  
COLLINS, Susan Lynn—To wife of Elbert A. Collins, ET3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
GUTHRIE, Charles Edward, Jr.—To wife of C. E. Guthrie, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
JONES, Sandra Lynn—To wife of Benjamin F. Jones, TN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

February 5  
GANSKE, Carol Ann—To wife of Lyle J. Ganske, QM2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
EDMISTEN, Diana Lynn — To wife of Earl T. Edmisten, ADC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
BOWMAN, John Lloyd—To wife of Donald A. Bowman, ENS, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
LINDEVALD, Peggy Ann—To wife of Jan A. Lindevall, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
JOHNSON, Phyllis—To wife of Wallace Johnson, AO2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
HAU, Jean—To wife of Henry W. HAU, AO2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

February 5  
BATEMAN, Joanne Marie—To wife of Carl H. Bateman, GM1, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

## Welcome and Farewell

Officer and enlisted personnel who reported aboard for duty during the past week included three Nurse Corps officers from U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill., they were LT Mary E. Johnston, LTJG Ada E. Shaw, and ENS Betty L. Gregorio. J. B. Cunningham, HMC, reported from the General J. C. Breckenridge (AP-176); J. R. English, HM3, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; and J. T. Robinson, HMC, from Naval Air Facility, Glynco, Georgia.

Detached during the week were Ensigns Nora L. Dixon, NC, and Mary F. Smith, NC, USN, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas; LT JG L. V. Phillips, MC, USN, to Naval Hospital, Guam, M. I.; J. T. Robinson, HMC, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; and J. A. Fulton, HMC, and J. H. Gurule, HM1, to Independent Duty School, Portsmouth, Va.

"Terrible links, caddie, terrible!"  
"Sorry, sir, these are not the links—you got off them an hour ago."



ED FITZPATRICK AND HIS ORCHESTRA In Person

Will play for the Valentine Day Dance to be held in the station auditorium Monday night, 14 February.

## Here and There

Back to his old "stamping ground" for a brief visit this week was Walter C. Hawke, former Civil Readjustment Officer. Mr. Hawke, now retired from the Naval Service, is associated with the Clarence E. Willard Foundation for Autorelaxation in downtown Oakland. Those who knew Mr. Willard when he served as Senior Contact Representative for the Veterans Administration here will be interested to know that his work is now being publicized over three radio shows—Ann Holden (KGO-3:30 p.m. Wednesday), Jane Lee (KNBC-9:30 a.m. Thursday), and Emily Barton (KFRC-9:30 a.m. Friday).

Hospital corpsmen are reminded that the new rating badges for HM1, HM2, and HM3, are now available in Small Stores. Because of the limited supply on hand, personnel in need of the new rates are urged to obtain them now so as to conform with uniform regulations which go into effect 2 April.

Two accredited service representatives of the American Legion, Department of California, have been assigned to assist veterans with problems which come under the Legion's jurisdiction.

Veterans desiring this service are requested to contact the Legion representative in the VA Office located in the Administration Building.

Passer-by: "Digging out holes?"  
Laborer: "No, ma'am. I'm digging out dirt and leaving the holes."



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• Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 13 February
JULIA MISBEHAVES
G. Garson—W. Pidgeon
The Cat Who Hated People
News
Monday, 14 February
VALENTINE DANCE
Tuesday, 15 February
A LETTER TO THREE WIVES
Ann Sothern—J. Crain—L. Darnell
March of Time
Wednesday, 16 February
TARZAN'S MAGIC FOUNTAIN
L. Barker—B. Joyce
Bachelor Blues
Thursday, 17 February
THE DARK PAST
Wm. Holden—Lee J. Cobb
Princely India
Friday, 18 February
ENCHANTMENT
D. Niven—T. Wright
Clock Cleaners
News
Saturday, 19 February
BUCK PRIVATES COME HOME
Abbott & Costello
Wild West Chimp

Director: "Now in this scene I want you to make love to her like a bear or a gorilla or something."  
Actor: "Yes, sir, I'll do the bear I can."

KNOLL SPORTS

The Oak Knoll "Fighting Lions" split a pair of hard fought 12ND league games in the past week, losing to District Staff Headquarters 56-43, and nosing out Western Sea Frontier, 40-33. Both games were undecided until the closing stages when the winning quintets stretched their margins of victory out of the loser's reach.

In last Friday night's game, Dist-StaffHdqs, aptly dubbed "Homer Turner and Company," led all the way, with the big ebony center pouring 26 points through the nets to continue his domination of the league scoring race. The former "Little All-American" from Wichita, paced his mates to an early 8-0 lead, and not until Brandt hit a charity toss did the Knollites break into the scoring column. Marvin Campbell followed with a push shot from the key hole and Brandt's two-handed set shot pulled the locals to within three points of the district team but couldn't overcome the lead and trailed at the half, 32-25.

Phil Baroni and Campbell kept the Knollites in the ball game during the second half, although the district netters were not to be denied a win. With a nine-point lead and time running out, Turner iced the game with a pair of under-the-bucket shots and the Lions were out of the battle.

Turner, by flipping the nets for 26 points, led the scoring. Campbell couldn't quite keep up with the jumping-jack center but had 23 markers to show for his night's work.

**Box Score**  
OAK KNOLL (43)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Campbell, f.	11	1	1	23
Baroni, f.	3	3	1	9
Johnson, c.	0	0	3	0
Brandt, g.	1	1	0	3
Worsham, g.	1	0	3	2
Boucha, f.	0	0	0	0
Hodge, f.	2	1	3	5
Doughty, g.	0	0	0	0
Ballard, g.	0	1	0	1
Totals	18	7	11	43

**DIST. STAFF HDQ. (56)**

Packett, f.	6	0	4	12
Gerry, f.	4	1	0	9
Turner, c.	11	4	2	26
Gallagher, g.	0	0	2	0
Beems, g.	4	1	2	9
Brown, f.	0	0	0	0
Mings, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	6	10	56

A scoring spurt in the final two minutes of the game enabled the Oak Knoll "Lions" to drop a lightly regarded WesSeaFron quintet 40-33 on

the Treasure Island hardwood Tuesday night. In the game, marked by loose defensive play and inept ball handling, neither team could gain a commanding lead until the closing minutes when the Knollites reserve strength began to tell on the Treasure Island Netters.

Marvin Campbell, Oak Knoll's scoring stalwart, opened the game with a two-pointer from the side, and Mason Jackson followed with another from the same vicinity to shove the locals into a 4-0 advantage in the opening seconds. Both teams fought on even terms for the remainder of the first half and the "Lions" left the court at halftime on the long end of a 17-13 count.

The WSF cagers came back in the second half to tie the ball game up, and then jump into the lead after about 7 minutes of the half. The lead changed hands several times and with 2 minutes remaining the Knollites called for a time-out to survey the situation, which showed them trailing 33-31.

Then the locals began to roll. Campbell dropped in a pair of one-handed efforts, Hodge followed with another; Jackson meshed a free throw; and Campbell closed the scoring with another field goal.

Knoll's Campbell and Swin of the losers, led the scoring parade with 16 markers apiece. The fine rebounding of Hodge and Barone, and the play-making of Worsham were highly instrumental in the Oak Knoll win.

**Box Score**  
OAK KNOLL (40)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Baroni, f.	0	2	1	2
Campbell, f.	7	2	3	16
Jackson, c.	2	2	0	6
Worsham, g.	1	1	4	3
Brandt, g.	0	1	1	1
Cason, f.	0	0	0	0
Boucha, f.	0	0	0	0
Branson, c.	0	0	0	0
Hodge, c.	5	1	2	11
Nelson, g.	0	0	1	0
Doughty, g.	0	1	0	1
Ballard, g.	0	0	0	0
Ellis, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	10	12	40

**W.S.F. (33)**

Swin, f.	7	2	2	16
Hinton, f.	1	0	5	2
Baggett, c.	0	0	2	0
Ward, g.	1	1	4	3
Gatlis, g.	1	2	2	4
Thompson, f.	0	0	1	0
Gallager, c.	3	2	2	8
Jordan, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	7	18	33

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—1938 Nash 6 sedan, new paint, motor rebuilt, good rubber radio and heater, has Nash bed. Must be seen to be appreciated. \$750. Must sell in February. Contact OMAA Office, Bldg. 32, Ext. 285.

FOR SALE—1941 Mercury, good condition, new motor, radio, heater, accessories. Call Dr. Cuttle, Ward 66A.

FOUND—Parker fountain pen in front of BOQ. Person concerned call Dr. C. R. Campbell, Ward 63A.

FOR SALE—Set of women's golf clubs, a matched set of 2 woods and 5 irons. Includes golf bag. This Bog Hag set is almost new. Will sell for \$30. Call LTJG R. B. Comstock, Ward 40A.

WANTED—Ride from 8900 block Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, to from stop light. Call M. Drake, Disbursing Office.

FOR SALE—Or will trade a Piper Cub airplane for a car. Best offer taken. If interested contact E. A. Snodgrass, ADC., Ward 43A.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I.B.M. Electric typewriter, \$175. Ideal for polio or paralytic patient. Perfect condition. Would like a good phonograph combination or what have you? Contact Tommy, Ward 40A.

FOR SALE—Table for sectional furniture; also blond coffee table round. Practically new. Call Ext. 16.

By virtue of their 3-1 win over Married Chiefs, Pharmacy retained a slim one-point lead in Bowling league standings following completion of last week's matches.

Laboratory's clean sweep in the play-off with X-ray resulted in placing them one point back of the league leaders and two points in front of third place O.P.D.

Property and Accounting garnered all four points in the game against the CPO keggers and jumped from the cellar to a tie for eighth place.

Chief Joe Buvid, with a three game 535 score, was the number one station kegger of the week.

**League Standings**

1. Pharmacy
2. Laboratory
3. O.P.D.
4. Married Chiefs
5. X-ray
6. Central Supply
7. CPOs
8. Property and Accounting
9. Dental
10. Nurses

STALEMATE



Battleship Maneuver



By Ed Hughes, LI3







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## Another Commendation For Oak Knoll Staff

From LT Mildred C. Taylor, H(W), USNR, recently attached to Oak Knoll for two weeks training duty the Commanding Officer has received the following letter—another commendation for the hospital staff.

My dear sir:

May I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the many courtesies extended to me during my recent tour of training duty at your hospital.

Upon my return, I reported to the Veterans Administration and to our Medical Research Training Officer Eleventh Naval District that I had the privilege of observing all of the medical activities within the hospital. I was particularly impressed with the fine overall treatment procedures available to the patients and the efficiency and interest demonstrated by all members of your staff.

My tour of the wards was of special interest as I met and visited with approximately two hundred of our Veterans Administration patients. Without exception they reported favorably upon the excellent treatment they were receiving and were most complimentary to you and your staff.

I think such reports significant and no doubt an important and deciding factor in the Veterans Administration's recent decision to utilize available beds within your military hospitals.

My tour of duty was most pleasant and informative and I want to express my appreciation to you and your staff for the privilege of serving with you.

Respectfully yours,

LT Mildred C. Taylor

H(W) USNR

Chief Physical Therapist

Veterans Administration

Hospital

San Fernando, California

## Red Cross Needs Help In Annual Fund Drive

American Red Cross President Basil O'Connor in announcing the fund campaign which starts February 28 said the 1949 goal is materially less than last year's because of rigid economy in operation and the use of uncommitted surplus funds.

At this point, as the opening date for the campaign approaches, over two million volunteers in communities all over the country are ready to start the task of raising \$60,000,000 needed to continue Red Cross services to the nation during the coming year.

Oak Knoll Hospital patients and personnel contributed liberally to the success of last year's campaign, according to Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director at this base. They gave generously not only because of their appreciation of Red Cross services here but also to help those in need in their home communities and at other service installations.

## Tuesday To Be Holiday

Holiday routine will be observed aboard the station on Washington's birthday, Tuesday, 22 February.

The starboard watch and personnel on section watches, not on duty, will be granted liberty beginning at 0800 Tuesday for the starboard watch, and at 1630 Monday, for section watch standers. Liberty for these watches will expire at the usual time Wednesday morning.

Civilian employees, except those required to be on duty, shall also be excused from duty on Tuesday, 22 February, according to a civilian personnel memorandum issued this week.

## Mrs. Broaddus Honored By Officers' Wives Club

Mrs. C. A. Broaddus was the guest of honor when the Officers' Wives Club held their regular monthly meeting on February 9.

In appreciation of the work she has done in organizing the club and supporting its activities during the past two years, she was presented an appropriately inscribed sterling silver cigarette case. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. M. Gillett, former club president, who was introduced by the present president, Mrs. K. H. Vinnedge.

Hostesses at the luncheon meeting for which the tables were gaily decorated in a valentine motif, were Mrs. Gillett, Mrs. John H. Ward, Mrs. Gordon H. Ekblad, Mrs. John Pease, Mrs. John Miller, and Mrs. R. W. Price. Fifty club members were present.

## Triplets Outgrow Incubator—Now at Home



While Raymond and Lorraine Camardella officially take charge of their triplet daughters, Rita, Lorraine, and Jeanne, LT John A. Pease, MC, USN, obstetrician, and CDR Milton Kurzrok, MC, USN, pediatrician, look on, apparently satisfied with their work—as well they may be.

## Babies Respond To OPD's Expert Care

The story of the Camardella triplets and how they grew is another "feather in the cap" of OPD doctors and nurses who cared for them since they were born here on November 30 until they went home on February 11.

At birth the babies—Rita, Lorraine, and Jeanne—weighed 2 lbs. 12 oz.; 2 lbs. 11 oz.; and 2 lbs. 6 oz., respectively. When they left the "premie" nursery 74 days later, they averaged 6 lbs. 8 oz.

During their stay here, the triplets received oxygen, plasma, penicillin, and hormones—and to offset anemia—they were each given two blood transfusions through the veins of the scalp.

Their special formula is being supplied by the Borden Milk Company; blankets on their cribs are a gift of the Oakland Post Enquirer, and their wardrobes include gifts from many admirers.

At home with their parents, Raymond and Lorraine Camardella, and their 10-year-old sister, they occupy the nursery which was painstakingly prepared for them while they occupied incubators in the hospital nursery. The parents admit that they have their hands full—with feedings every three hours and a triple dose of all the other chores involved in infant care.

The 27-year-old father is not only the man of the hour in his own home. He has gained considerable prestige at the Naval Air Station, Oakland, where he is on duty. He and his family have been publicized in local newspapers, in ALL HANDS, and in SEA, the Navy press service clipsheet

circulated to all Naval station publications.

## Edna Saake To Bring Stage Show Monday

Mrs. Edna Saake will bring another of her fine shows to the Oak Knoll stage on Monday, 21 February, at 1845.

Jimmie Blum and his eight-piece orchestra, currently entertaining at popular Club Mondre in downtown Oakland, will present a complete program of music and specialty numbers, donating their services for the occasion.

The well-known Lynn twins will present their hula specialties, and another popular performer with the show will be big, blonde Olga Baptiste, who sings "red hot mama songs."

Other acts, as yet unannounced, and piano offerings by Jimmie Blum himself, will round out a program, which—judging from previous Saake shows—patients and staff members cannot afford to miss.

## Exams For Medical Corps Scheduled April 4-8

Examination for the selection of candidates for appointment to the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) in the Medical Corps of the Navy will be conducted at all Naval Hospitals in continental United States during the period April 4 to 8, 1949.

Graduates of approved medical schools in the United States or Canada who have completed intern training in accredited hospitals or who will complete such training within four months of the date of the examination, and who are physically and otherwise qualified, may be examined for appointment as lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy Medical Corps. Candidates must be less than 32 years of age at the time of appointment.



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## Prepare For Life's Important Moment

An editorial in Harpers Magazine some time ago, commented on how difficult it was for a flute player to "come in" at the proper time because ordinarily in a symphony there is only an occasional part for the flute. "The man who can rest for 74 measures and then come in correctly on the up beat of the 75th is a man of high and great qualities."

It is much the same in the symphony of life. You do a lot of preparing and waiting for the big moments of life. Sometimes the waiting is for long periods and it is easy to become discouraged, but you dare not let down, for you know that one day you will be matched with that moment and it will demand the best you have to give it. How you behave in these moments is a measure of the value of your life. If you can recognize this moment as yours and "come in" right in the nick of time as if you, and you alone, were made for that moment and so control your body, mind, and spirit as to meet the demands of that moment commendably, you will have achieved the purpose for which you were created.

On the night of November 30, 1942, the U.S.S. Minneapolis was hit by two torpedoes off Lunga Point. Eighty-eight feet of the bow was blown off by one explosion, and three fire rooms were flooded by the other. A Chief Water Tender, in charge of the one remaining fire room, knew that the safety of the entire crew depended upon the functioning of this fire room. Dead in the water, the ship would have no chance to escape the enemy. He also knew that this fire room was in imminent danger of being flooded. He sent as many men as possible topside to safety. He and the few men he kept with him worked to keep the ship under way. His courage and determination to succeed inspired the men with him and they met with success. The ship was soon moving. At four knots, she crept through the darkness to safety. In all the 16 years of his Navy career this Chief had worked and studied and performed his job well, but this was the moment to "come in"—the time to show all what he was made of—the time to play the man.

You will have such moments. They may be less dramatic but just as important for you. They will require the best you have. It may save the life of someone you love, it may save your marriage, it may bring order out of chaos, it may help you fight through serious illness, or it may bring direction to some life. The challenge of this thought is to be alert, to make the most of today and every day in order that one day you may "come in" to a situation and make a better situation out of it just because you were there.

—Robert F. McComas, Protestant Chaplain.

## Divine Services

Protestant:  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1030

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thurs-

day)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**It Won't Be Long 'Till Spring:** Occasionally, these days, the sun surprises you with a bit of real, penetrating warmth, and soon the acacia trees will burst into golden bloom. For lots of men thoughts of spring bring thoughts of the outdoors, and especially of FISHING. With memories of last season's fine fishing still fresh in our minds it's not too soon to think of the next one. Although the O.K. FISHING CLUB (Oak Knoll . . . get it?) is not actively meeting this early, individual members should plan to have their own hand-made gear this year.

Mr. Louis F. Armknecht, well-known San Francisco sportsman and guiding light of the O.K. Fishing Club, has made arrangements with Ship's Service Store to stock some kits for making your own rod and reel set at a considerable saving and just the way you want it. The Red Cross and Mr. Armknecht stand ready to provide tools, space, and professional advice.

Any patient may be a member of the O.K. Fishing Club even though he can't leave the ward right now. If interested in fishing, contact Miss Jones, Red Cross worker. Remember those wonderful fish fries last year? Mmmmm!

**Meanest Man:** The patients on Ward 75B have a new candidate for "the meanest man in the world!" It's lucky that they don't know who did it but **SOMEBODY** swiped the thermostat, cord and all, which was used to keep the poor l'il tropical fish warm and happy. (And after all they've been through . . . this cold weather.) The fish, however, have implicit trust in their patient-guardians who rose to the emergency with frequent additions of warm water and, again, saved the day—and fish.

**Adornment:** A fascinating demonstration will be held next Monday night, 21 February, in the Craft Shop, Building 102, from 1900 to 2100. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Derby of Richmond will actually show how semi-precious stones are cut. They will use onyx, alabaster, lapislazuli, turquoise, and other intriguing jewel material. Another **UNUSUAL** demonstration will take place on the wards when Mr. Sanso exhibits fine workmanship in copper and gold and shows how to work with various metals.

**Golfing:** A rare opportunity to see first-class golf pros in action will be offered next Monday night, 21 February, at the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, from 1900 to 2100. Mr. Earl Fry, nationally-known tournament winner and Mr. Max MacMurray of the Alameda Municipal Links will do some fancy shooting and explain regular and trick shots as well as answer questions. Mrs. Bell, Gray Lady, will be there as hostess.

**Roamin' Playboys:** As a result of practicing together in the Lounge, the patient Hillbilly Band is now very much in demand as ward entertainers. "SLIM" and his "MOUNTAIN BOYS" have developed into a smooth combination and have

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-nine births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period February 6 to 12 inclusive. Statistics follows:

### February 6

CONAWAY, Bruce Franklyn—To wife of Marion Conaway, AMAN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

SHIPLEY, Johnnie Melvin—To wife of Johnnie C. Shipley, RD1, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

ARMSTRONG, (Girl)—To wife of Brannon Armstrong, AL2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

WEST, Vickie Lorraine—To wife of Kenneth West, BM3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

SCAFIDI, Steve Duane — To wife of Charles F. Scafidi, CPL, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

### February 7

MARKS, Terry Brian—To wife of Kenneth L. Marks, AL3, 6 pounds, 3½ ounces.

CARSTENS, Steven Lewis—To wife of Lewis W. Carstens, Jr., PVT, 7 pounds.

MAZUR, John Robert—To wife of Stanley Mazur, ICC, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

REIBENSPIES, Thomas Clement — To wife of William Reibenspies, MACH, 3 pounds, 3 ounces.

MANNING, Marcia Leona—To wife of Lonnie B. Manning, PFC, 5 pounds, 15½ ounces.

COLBERT, Ronald J.—To wife of Robert L. Colbert, DK1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

### February 8

GORMAN, (Boy)—To wife of John J. Gorman, ADC, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

BARROWS, Cheryl Ann—To wife of Herbert F. Barrows, AMC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

LUMLEY, Robert George II—To wife of R. G. Lumley, AEF3, 11 pounds, 1 ounce.

MILLER, Steven Eugene—To wife of Howard E. Miller, GM1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

O'NEAL, Michael Kerry — To wife of Thomas E. O'Neal, SGT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

### February 9

BURNHAM, David Raymond—To wife of William E. Burnham, MM2, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

DAVIS, Carol Ann—To wife of Tommy L. Davis, AD1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

HOPKINS, Richard Elliott—To wife of Earl F. Hopkins, AD1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

LILEK, Patricia Ann—To wife of Ernest Lilek, LT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

GAN, Philip Wayne—To wife of Howard L. Gan, BM3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

### February 10

WALL, Johnnie Dale—To wife of Edward E. Wall, BT2, 4 pounds, 6 ounces.

BAUM, (Twin Girls)—To wife of Ralph J. Baum, CDR, 5 pounds, 3 ounces, and 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

RIDLEY, (Boy)—To wife of Thomas R. Ridley, Jr., QM2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

JOHANNESSEN, William John—To wife of William A. Johannesen, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

MARK, Cynthia Edith—To wife of Abner J. Mark, SC3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

REILLY, Michael Grant—To wife of Grant A. Reilly, M/SGT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

THOMAS, Ray Michael—To wife of Richard S. Thomas, MMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

STEFFENS, Willard Max II—To wife of W. M. Steffens, SA, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

McQUINN, Dale Curtis, Jr.—To wife of D. C. McQuinn, GMC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

GUELF, Barbara Diane — To wife of Pierre H. Gueff, LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

### February 11

HARRAH, Roland Edward II—To wife of R. E. Harrah, HN., 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

LEWIS, Sherilyn Donne—To wife of Jessie L. Lewis, SN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

### February 12

DUNCAN, Deborah Janet — To wife of Thomas Duncan, EN1, 8 pounds.

COLGAN, Cheryl Lynn—To wife of Kenneth R. Colgan, AN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

HENN, Robert Anthony—To wife of Ray A. Henn, LTJG, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

NEYENS, Carol Ann—To wife of Howard F. Neyens, YNSN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

PIERCY, William Ervin — To wife of Samuel Piercy, 2ndLT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

already performed in fine style on Wards 51A, 42B, 44B, 46B, 75B, 70 and 55. All reports indicate that the clamor for encores is terrific.



## Coeducational System Announced For HCS

Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, the Surgeon General, announced last week that the Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes, Illinois and San Diego, Calif., will function as co-educational institutions.

For the first time since the establishment of the Waves, a selected group of 28 women have been assigned to the schools. They will receive the same curriculum as the male hospital corpsman, a 12-week course of instruction in the basic fundamentals of nursing, pharmacy and chemistry, laboratory technique, ward management, operating room procedure, materia medica, first aid and minor surgery.

Upon completion of the course they will be assigned to Naval Hospitals for further instruction and to prepare them to carry out the duties of hospital corpsmen in other types of medical department activities.

They will compete with the men in all phases of promotion, and will be eligible for appointment as Warrant Officer and Commissioned Warrant Officer, Hospital Corps. Those possessing the professional requirements will be eligible for commissioned officer rank in the Medical Service Corps.

## Welcome and Farewell

Reporting aboard for duty during the past week were LTJG W. Cooper, MCR, USNR, for residency type training in ophthalmology; LTJG W. Hamelberg, MCR, USNR, from inactive duty status; Nurse Corps Ensigns Irene Kulevich and Virginia A. Langford from U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda; Nurse Corps Ensigns Mary M. Murray, Margaret T. Barrow, and Theresa M. Canjuga, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes; W. D. Mills, HM3, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif.; and eleven men from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, they were J. Derozett, S. E. Brown, R. N. Davis, O. W. Johnson, V. E. Johnson, J. I. Kenmir, R. B. Kerbow, P. Mazzuca, D. D. Sowe, G. A. Stevenson, and J. I. Toland.

Transferred during the past week were LTJGs A. Dugoni, Jr., DCR, USNR, and J. W. Hardwick, DC, USN, to Naval Dental School, Bethesda; Nurse Corps Ensigns June G. Johnson, Betty J. Murray, and Gizela Popp, to U. S. Naval Hospital,

## Here and There

Arrangements are being made to conduct a Protestant Sunday School and Nursery on the hospital compound for families of staff personnel. Interested parents are urged to complete the questionnaire recently distributed by Chaplain McComas and return it to his office as soon as possible.

Revealed in a letter received from an irate husband last week was an interesting example of man's desire to retain that which is precious to him.

The letter reported an incident which had as its protagonist a former Oak Knoll patient. While ashore on liberty in a Southern port, the sailor became amorously attached (and vice versa) to the writer's wife. One day, during the husband's absence, bags were packed and the gob in question not only left town with the man's wife, but absconded with two valued shotguns.

The slightly perturbed husband demanded that the sailor be located (last reports had him in the Bay Area) and that the authorities see to it that his shotguns be returned. His wishes were complied with to the extent that two pawn tickets for the guns were remanded.

This is a reminder to civilian employees and staff members who have not as yet purchased their tickets for the Civilian Employees Association dance. Advance ticket sales indicate a large turn-out for the affair to be held Thursday night, 24 February, at the Big Bear Tavern.

Remember — the Association has extended a blanket invitation to all hands to attend what promises to be a highly enjoyable evening.

Boss: "I had to fire my new stenographer."

Clerk: "Didn't she have any experience?"

Boss: "None at all. I told her to sit down and she looked around for a chair."

Memphis, Tenn.; and J. C. Terry, HMC, to Independent Duty School, Portsmouth, Va.

Discharged from the Naval Service were B. F. Guyton, HMC, and H. E. Dejemar, HM2.

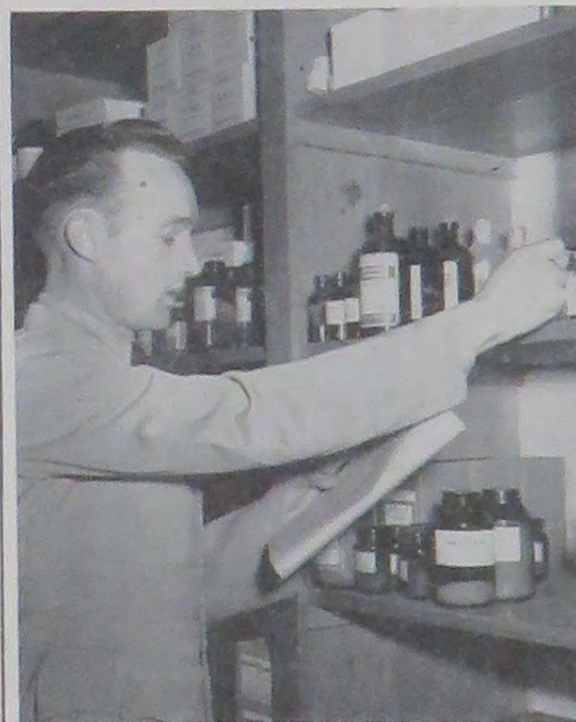
## Who's Who On The Compound



Inez McCabe, senior psychiatric social worker, has been with the American Red Cross since August 1943 and at Oak Knoll since April 1947.

Holding an MA degree in psychiatric social work from the University of Chicago, she is well prepared for her job — assisting the patient in working out the best solution to personal and family problems, and as a member of the hospital team, contributing to the patient's understanding and acceptance of his illness so that he will be better able to gain the maximum benefits of hospitalization.

In her extra-professional interests, Miss McCabe (a native of San Jose, California) leans toward the out-of-doors. She climbs mountains, skis, swims, and being a licensed pilot, flies whenever she has an opportunity.



Completing Pharmacy and Chemistry School at the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, in November 1948, Albert L. Jones, HMC, was transferred to Oak Knoll and assigned to the hospital pharmacy upon his arrival here in late December 1948.

Since his enlistment in the Navy in his native South Dakota, the Chief's subsequent assignments included Base Hospital No. 2 in the New Hebrides, Fleet Hospital No. 116 on Okinawa, China duty with the First Marine Division, and just prior to attending Pharmacy and Chemistry School, duty at the Naval Air Station, Alameda.

The Chief, his wife Dorothy, and their 17 months-old son James, now make their home in Santa Cruz Village. Golf, bowling, and fishing in that order, are Chief Jones' preferred recreational activities.

LT Timothy F. Lally, MCR, radiologist, bachelor, and native San Franciscan, reported to Oak Knoll for duty in the X-Ray department in October 1948.

He was formerly commissioned in the U. S. Public Health Service and was on active duty with the U. S. Coast Guard during World War II, when he had a tour of sea duty with the Greenland Patrol. In 1945 he qualified for Naval Flight Surgeon at the training center at Pensacola.

Dr. Lally took his pre-med training at the University of San Francisco and University of California, received his MD at Creighton University, Omaha, and had a year of post-graduate study in radiology at the University of Chicago.

When not reading x-rays or performing his many other radiological duties, the doctor indulges in one of his three favorite hobbies—photography, fishing, or golf.



Mrs. Ida Rieder, Disbursing Office clerk, has—according to the station's enlisted personnel—one of the Navy's most important jobs. She answers questions and dispenses information about their pay accounts, an item dear to a sailor's heart.

A native of Oakland, and a product of its schools, Mrs. Rieder came to Oak Knoll in March 1946, transferring from the California Quartermaster Depot where she had previously worked.

Visiting other western states with her husband Dick during her vacation periods, and collecting light wood animal figures and Walt Disney characters are among Mrs. Rieder's chief interests. Her occasional recreation activity includes ice skating, dancing, and bowling.



## Fitzpatrick's Music Charms Station Dancers



An evening of fine dance music, featuring Ed Fitzpatrick and his orchestra, was enjoyed by patients and staff members who attended the Welfare and Recreation sponsored dance in the station auditorium last Monday night.



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• **Movie Schedule** •

Sunday, 20 February
<b>THE FIGHTING O'FLYNN</b>
D. Fairbanks — H. Carter
<b>County Fair</b>
News
Monday, 21 February
<b>LADY IN THE LAKE</b>
R. Montgomery — A. Totter
Tuesday, 22 February
<b>STREETS OF LAREDO</b>
M. Carey — W. Holden
Wednesday, 23 February
<b>LADIES OF THE CHORUS</b>
A. Jergens — M. Monroe
<b>Parlor, Bedroom and Wrath</b>
Thursday, 24 February
<b>SLIGHTLY FRENCH</b>
D. Lamour — D. Ameche
<b>Babe Didrikson, Queen of Sports</b>
Friday, 25 February
<b>A KISS IN THE DARK</b>
J. Wyman — D. Niven
<b>Pie in the Eye — News</b>
Saturday, 26 February
<b>DARK MIRROR</b>
O. de Haviland — L. Ayres
<b>Brooklyn, U. S. A.</b>

"All men are cast in pretty much the same mold," complained a weary chorine.

"Yes," added her friend, "But some are moldier than others."

**Sportin' Around**

David Shapiro is just one of thousands of young Americans who play college basketball. He's a good man on the court, good enough to be co-captain of the George Washington University quintet. Dave is popular with his teammates and admired by many for his athletic ability. However, Dave's fame probably would have been limited to that if it were not for his honesty and courage. His name is no longer one which is lost in basketball statistics, for he now is known and respected by sports lovers all over the nation.

Dave could have made an "easy" thousand dollars recently. A thousand dollars is a lot of money when a fellow has tuition, text books, transportation and all the other expenses of schooling to face. In all probability Dave could have used the money, but it had strings attached and he wanted no part of it. To make the "easy money" he would have been required to "throw" a basketball game so that a group of professional gamblers could make a clean up.

He could have declined the offer made by the chiselers, who have been attempting to corrupt both amateur and professional sports, but then they would have been free to approach other players with their proposition. This would have been the easy way out for Dave Shapiro.

Rather than face the easy way out, however, he chose to play along with the mobsters and bring about their exposure and arrest. Fully realizing the dangers risked by his course of action, Shapiro reported the attempted bribe and, working with the New York police, arranged to have the bribe delivered to his "uncle" (in reality a policeman) who arrested the gambler and his confederates.

Crooked gamblers do not "play for fun"; they have a lot of cash at stake in their deals and they don't care who gets hurt in the carrying out of their plans. When David Shapiro chose to "double-cross" them he took a big chance of suffering physical violence at their hands.

In the words of New York City's District Attorney: "The contamination of sports by vultures such as these defendants (gamblers) can be effectively removed if other young men will follow the courageous course of David Shapiro.

David Shapiro may never be an All-American basketball choice, and he may never set any scoring records, but he has established a record for honesty and courage that cannot be excelled. A fitting recipient in our book for the title of a true "American Sportsman."

**Twin Loss Suffered By Knoll Quintet In Games Against District Top Teams**

The Oak Knoll "Lions" suffered two straight setbacks in the past week, bowing Friday night to the twice-beaten Moffett Field Sky Masters, 41-32, and then being embarrassed no end by the dazzling, driving attack of Treasure Island Electronics School Tuesday night to the tune of 54-19. The Knollites' Marvin Campbell dropped in ten points in each encounter to maintain his position as the locals leading scorer.

In the clash with Moffett Field, the Oak Knoll cagers were bolstered by the return of Fred Bell, and the play-making center added 10 points to the Knoll cause.

The Airdales romped out in front at the start and when Campbell finally popped a fielder, it was 8-2 to the Sky Masters' advantage. But with Campbell, Bell, and Bob Nelson showing the way for the remainder of the half, which ended 24-19, the Knoll netters matched their rivals basket for basket. However, eight quick points by Richart put the opposition out in front 32-19 to start the second half, and the Lions couldn't get back in the ball game. With two minutes left to play, Oak Knoll trailed 39-28; and in the melee that followed, Bell and Nelson found the range to reduce the margin to 39-32; Richards then tallied from the field to assure the Flyboys of the win.

In the Tuesday night encounter with the T. I. Electronics School, the Knollites were never in contention, as the EMS netters displayed the ball handling, shooting, and playmaking that has given them an undefeated season and make them strong contenders for the All-Navy championship.

The students started fast with Burkhead dropping in a pair of fielders, followed by Hunter's two-pointer and Dunham's tip-in. Not before Campbell meshed a pair of gift tosses did Oak Knoll get into the scoring column. Dunham then countered with two free throws and Riggs hit a push shot and the EMS cagers forged further into the lead, 12-2. Campbell and Al Boucha hit field goals, and the score went to 12-6. Despite these efforts, the Electronics School five continued to pull away, and at the half enjoyed a 31-14 margin.

The second half found the Knollites being pressed hard by a tight EMS defense, 3 points by Campbell and 2 by Jackson were all the Lions could garner, while Burkhead and Blood paced their mates to 23

markers and wrapped up the ball game.

The victor's Dunham and Burkhead were tied for high point honors with 13 points each. Campbell led the Knollmen with 10.

**Pharmacy Strengthens Hold On First Place In Station Keg League**

Pharmacy enjoyed a two point advantage in first place following completion of all matches in the station bowling league last week. The Out-Patient Department team was Pharmacy's victim, dropping three of the four points to the number one spot team.

Although Laboratory split with Central Supply, they gained a point over their nearest rivals, O.P.D. whose 1-3 loss to Pharmacy, and the Married Chiefs 3-1 win over Nurses deadlocked those two teams for third place in the standings. The CPO took the Dental keggers 3-1 to move up one slot, from seventh to sixth place.

Leading station bowler of the week was the Married Chiefs Amgwert, who rolled 202, 156, and 188, to pace the bowlers with a 546 triple. X-ray's Gass, with a three game total of 474 was second high man of the week.

**League Standings**

	Points
1. Pharmacy	17
2. Laboratory	15
3. O.P.D.	12
4. Married Chiefs	12
5. X-ray	11
6. CPOs	9
7. Central Supply	8
8. Dental	6
9. Property and Accounting	5
10. Nurses	5

A Kentucky colonel read aloud a recipe for roast ham. "Place the ham in a pot," it directed. "Soak it one day in bourbon and cook it for a while. The second day, add a bottle of Jamaica rum, and cook it for a while. The third day, add a bottle of port wine, and the fourth day some fine rye whiskey."

"How does that sound to you?" the colonel asked his old cook.

"I dunno about the ham," was the reply, "but it sure sounds like the makin's of mighty powerful gravy."

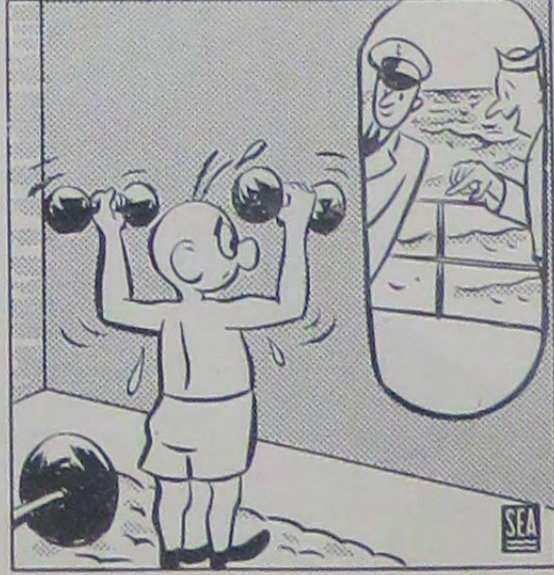
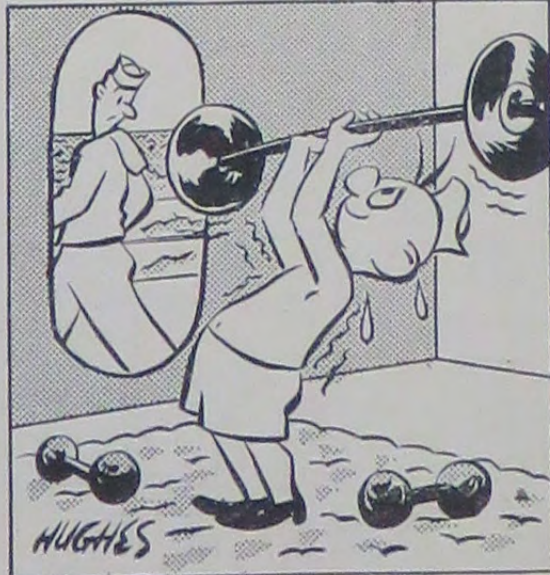
Housewife: "Are those eggs strictly fresh?"

Grocer (to his clerk): "Feel of those eggs, Jim, and see if they're cool enough to sell yet."

**STALEMATE**

By Ed Hughes, LI3

**"Back to Work"**







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CAPTAIN HAROLD HIRSHLAND

## Civilian Workers Finish Work Improvement Class

The Commanding Officer last week presented diplomas to 11 civilian employees in supervisory positions on the compound who have completed the Work Improvement Class held here during the past 11 months. Conducted by Joseph M. Sharp, member of the training section of the Industrial Relations Office at Naval Supply Center, Oakland, the class has been given in accordance with a BuMed order affecting all Navy Medical activities.

The program was designed to develop efficiency at all levels at this station and at all Naval Installations where civilians are on the job. Its overall objectives are (1) Maximum utilization of manpower. (2) Improved supervision at all levels. (3) Assurance of an ample supply of trained personnel to meet current and anticipated employment needs. (4). Standardization of training in all naval activities.

Receiving the certificates which were signed and presented by Captain Broadus were Dudley R. Britney, Fred A. Robinson, Henry Moser, and James O. Raser of the public works department; Ralph O. Thomas, Jesse Freudenthal, and Pinkie B. Orr, commissary; John H. Miller, laundry; Persis Stanley, disbursing; Ella C. Burr and Thomas Newsom, civilian personnel.

## Anesthesiology Residency Temporarily Approved

A residency program in anesthesiology at this hospital has been temporarily approved by the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education and Hospitals.

This word came to the Commanding Officer recently following action taken by the Council, in concurrence with the American Board of Anesthesiology.

## Two Staff Commanders Advanced To Captain

Two Oak Knoll officers will again don their fourth stripe soon since an Alnav issued this week announced their selection for promotion to the rank of Captain. They are CDR Harold Hirshland, MC, USN, Chief of the Out-Patient Department, and CDR George H. Mills, Chief of the Dental Service. Neither will find it difficult to assume the new title or to assemble the insignia of his rank since each was advanced to the temporary rank of captain during the war years and reverted to commander only a little more than a year ago.

The OPD chief entered the Navy in April 1942 as a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve and had his first tour of duty at the U.S. Naval Dispensary, Philadelphia. He was subsequently assigned to the destroyer tender USS Markab as Senior Medical Officer for one and one half years, most of which was spent in operation in the Aleutians. Transferred to Oak Knoll in February, 1944, he has been aboard this station longer than any other officer of the staff. He was advanced to commander a month after reporting for duty here and to temporary captain in November, 1945. In March, 1946, he trans-

ferred to the USN. Billets he has filled at Oak Knoll include those of general surgeon, medical officer in the orthopedic department, leave and liberty, rehabilitation, and executive officer. He has served as chief of the hospital's busy Out-Patient Department for the past three years.

This is the beginning of Captain Mills' twentieth year in the Naval Service. Following his graduation from Western Reserve University College of Dentistry, Cleveland, Ohio he was commissioned a LTJG and reported for his first assignment at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. His World War II assignments included tours of duty as Senior Dental Officer at NAS Alameda and aboard the USS Bountiful. He reported to this hospital on July 19, 1945, and four months later was advanced to temporary captain.

After heading the dental staff for 24 of its busiest months in history, Dr. Mills was detached to Treasure Island in October, 1947. He left with four stripes on his sleeve and returned in April, 1948 with three, having reverted to his permanent rank in the interim.



CAPTAIN G. H. MILLS

## 22 Corpsmen Advanced To Next Higher Rating

Twenty-two hospital corpsmen were advanced in rate, effective 16 February, according to a Staff Personnel Office memorandum promulgated last week.

Advanced from hospital corpsman second class to hospital corpsman first class were R. J. Connel, D. H. Ellis, W. H. Kirk, and C. J. Stevenson.

Advanced from hospitalman to hospital corpsman third class were R. C. Barrett, R. E. Barnes, Jr., D. V. Backer, J. K. Gore, Jr., R. W. Glass, A. E. Honey, Jr., W. E. Diebner, R. E. McPherson, E. E. Ross, H. C. Sebastian, and J. E. Smith.

Advanced from hospital apprentice to hospitalman were R. A. Brown, W. D. Gary, P. W. Haskins, A. E. Meek, T. G. Nelson, and R. O. Scordino.

C. A. Conway, dentalman, was advanced to dental technician third class.

## Urologists' Winter Session To Be Held Here Tonight

The Northern California Urological Society has chosen Oak Knoll as the locale for its winter meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6:15 tonight in the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Following the cocktail hour, the Commanding Officer and Captain A. C. Abernethy, Head of the Urology Department, will act as hosts at dinner. The professional program will feature a group of six Urological Motion Pictures including "Technique of Transurethral Surgery for Transurethral Prostatectomy, Cysto-Lithrotripsy and Vesical Neoplasm," "Perineal Prostatectomy," "Retropubic Prostatectomy," "Surgical Repair of Urethro-Rectal Fistula," "Resection of Horseshoe Kidney and Nephropexy," "Transperitoneal Nephrectomy."

## New Pay Bill Sent To Budget Bureau; Forrestal Recommends Major Changes

A draft of legislation incorporating recommendations made by the Hook Commission on Service Pay was transmitted to the Bureau of the Budget this week by Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal.

With the exception of four non-disability retirement provisions, one provision regarding special pay and the recommendations regarding survivor benefits, the proposed bill does not deviate from the Commission's recommendations.

In general, the effect of the modifications would be to preserve, at an individual's option, certain existing retirement benefits for specified classes of personnel who were in the services when the new provisions became effective.

### Cost Covered For Fiscal 1950

In his fiscal 1950 budget recommendations, the President included \$400,000,000 to cover the cost of an upward adjustment in service pay when approved by the Congress.

With regard to the Commission's retirement recommendations, Mr. Forrestal suggested a more liberal provision for warrant officers and enlisted men who voluntarily vacate a commissioned grade.

The SecDef said he agrees with the recommendations of the Commission with regard to the basis upon which such individuals should be permitted to retire and the retirement benefits to which he should be entitled, but he added:

"I believe it would be inequitable to apply this recommendation retroactively so as to alter present expectancies of those persons who, prior to enactment of the proposed law, have elected to revert from commissioned officer status to a warrant officer or enlisted status."

He recommended that the new pay bill include a provision to give such individuals the following option:

### Two Alternatives Listed

1. Retirement in conformity with the requirements of the present law with his retirement benefits computed by using the pay rates prescribed under present law—but not to exceed the pay rates in effect at the time of his retirement—for the commissioned grade previously held by him; or

2. Retirement in conformity with the requirements contained in the Commission's recommendations with his retirement benefits computed in

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# The Oak Leaf

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## Red Cross Fund Drive

Every day at Oak Knoll we see evidence of the work of the American Red Cross. As we walk through a ward we notice that patients have cigarettes, shaving gear, sweaters, and many other comfort articles that have been given them by the Red Cross. We also note that there is ward entertainment or movies. This, too, is brought about by the Red Cross.

Although the work done by the Red Cross at Oak Knoll is vital to the comfort of the patients here, it is but a "mere drop in the bucket" to many of the endeavors undertaken by this organization.

Last year, Red Cross motor service volunteers drove nearly 8,500,000 miles—a distance equal to more than seventeen round trips to the moon. The American Red Cross national blood program is helping to make this invaluable medical resource available without charge to all who need it. Disasters often strike like a bolt of lightning, but as fast as they hit, Red Cross help is on the way. These and many other essential services are maintained, including international activities and community education through its home nursing, nutrition, water safety, accident prevention, and first aid classes.

Need more be said about the work that the Red Cross has done?

This year the American Red Cross is asking for \$60,000,000 to buy the things that will ease the horror of disaster, for who knows where it will strike, or when?

Remember, the Red Cross is always ready to do its part. Will you do yours by donating to the fund drive which opens February 28?

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Musician:** Patients on Ward 71B have had the pleasure of discovering that one of their number is a noted musician. Mr. Jean C. Shannis, veteran of World War I, has been a member of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra for the last twenty years as a clarinet player. Not only that — his two sons now serve as members of the world-famous orchestra playing flute and oboe.

In addition to being a performer, Mr. Shannis is a composer and his works are scored for full orchestra or band. Several pieces have been performed by the 319th Engineer's band. Mr. Shannis, assisted by Miss Burnette Thompson, Red Cross recreation worker, at the piano (Miss Thompson is also a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester), presented several of his own compositions to fellow ward members who received them with interest and enjoyment.

**Another** notable patient on Ward 71B is Mr. Edward Wilkie, veteran, who celebrated his 60th birthday with an elegant cake (topped by 16 candles) and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday To You" by the other patients. Mr. Wilkie has just put the finishing touches to his third beautifully woven woolen scarf. He may be a bed patient, but he is a busy one!

**Hands Across The Sea:** When patient Bill Burnham, MM2, Ward 62B, was in England he met and married Irene, his wife, who is also a patient in this hospital at the present time. The third member of the family arrived and automatically became a patient. As a result, a cable was sent to the proud grandparents in England that "Bonnie prince" David had joined the Burnham family.

**G. W.!** Ensign George Thompson, U. S. Navy, retired, Ward 40A, has the same birthday as George Washington — February 22, and guess what??? George Thompson's middle initial is W. But no, you're wrong, it's really for Willison, an old family name.

## 57 Gray Ladies Serve Patients At Oak Knoll

The Red Cross staff feels that a special vote of thanks should go to the 57 Gray Ladies who are continuing to serve regularly at Oak Knoll and have been doing so for two years or more. Several have been here since 1943, going up and down hill, carrying their baskets loaded with comfort articles, craft supplies, recreational equipment, and those indispensable cookies.

Gray Ladies who serve Oak Knoll patients in a general capacity are Mmes. Walter Clarke, Herman Harris, Clyde Hawkins, D. Knight, H. V. J. LaJeunesse, Mae Lucovici, W. L. McDonnell, Theodore Nilson, Felix Plant, Charles Robie, Albert Camille, Alice Gray, Kay Smith, O. F. Snedigar, Wendell Latimer, Carlyle Dyson, Margaret Rintoul, A. R. Bodenhamer, G. A. Farmer, N. W. MacLeman, H. E. Garcia, D. W. Frost, Don Blessing, Ann Cabrall, E. J. Penprase, and F. B. Zimmerman.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-six births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period February 13 to 19 inclusive. Statistics follow:

**February 13**  
RIORDAN, Robert Emmett—To wife of Emmett J. Riordan, LCDR, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

JONES, Lawrence Norman—To wife of L. N. Jones, Jr., AN, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

BACHER, Minta Lynne — To wife of Reginald K. Bacher, MM1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

**February 14**  
NELSON, Karin Sue—To wife of Alfred B. Nelson, AERC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

WOLF, (Girl)—To wife of Stanley Wolf, PNC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

OLSON, Patricia Elaine — To wife of Walter L. Olson, BM3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

CONDON, Colleen Ann — To wife of Thomas P. Condon, ENS, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

DREW, Richard Darnall and Robert Shurtleff—To wife of Elmen O. Drew, LTJG, 5 pounds, 13½ ounces and 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

**February 15**  
CAHALL, Cheryl Ann—To wife of Clement E. Cahall, SGT, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

RICH, Robert Arthur—To wife of Charles W. Rich, LCDR, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

MOTCHKAVITZ, Michele Ruth — To wife of Matthew Motchkavitz, BM3, 8 pounds, 6½ ounces.

**February 16**  
PRICE, Derrill Le Roy, Jr.—To wife of Derrill L. Price, TD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

SEDDON, James Benjamin Walter—To wife of Norbert Seddon, FN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

SPANGLER, Valerie Jean—To wife of John J. Spangler, ET1, 10 pounds, 8½ ounces.

KENNY, Thomas Patrick — To wife of Daniel P. Kenny, AE1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

**February 17**  
PORTER, Donna Marie — To wife of Harry L. Porter, QM1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

BRUNER, James Allyn — To wife of Franklin Bruner, IC1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

**February 18**  
TOLOSKO, Pamela Rae — To wife of Raymond H. Tolosko, BTC, 8 pounds, 10½ ounces.

CASEY, Linda Louise—To wife of Lower V. Casey, ENS, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

ERVIN, Sheila Charlene — To wife of Donald E. Ervin, QM3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

WILLIS, Susan Gayle—To wife of George C. Willis, LT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

**February 19**  
NEUBAUER, Carole Ann—To wife of Joseph A. Neubauer, ENC, 8 pounds.

HACKETT, Pamela Joy — To wife of Elvin E. Hackett, SA, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

BLACKMON, Marcus Anthony—To wife of Marcus Blackmon, SN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

SCOTT, Gerald Lewis—To wife of Chester Scott, AD1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

## PUFF, PUFF, PUFF!

**New York (AFPS)**—Consider yourself an average smoker?

If so, you puffed a total of 4,000 during 1948 and helped the nation's total cigarette sales reach an all-time high of 350 billion cigarettes—four per cent above the 1947 record, according to Professor Charles W. Williams, the University of Louisville expert on trends in the tobacco industry.

Assisting personnel in the craft shops are Mmes. John W. Bell, C. D. Blunt, E. E. Brungard, S. Barber, E. Clark, G. P. Gardner, L. Mell, C. Reimer, F. H. Thomason, Clarit Foss, Dee Pape, J. D. Farrell, C. Stockard, A. J. Hand, Marie Bishop, Russ Nagler, M. K. McWhood, D. Vedensky, T. Haven, T. P. Hedt, Hele Herman, and Doris Ogden.

The evening recreation group includes Mmes. Chloe Baker, Genevieve Curry, B. L. Loeb, Gordon Rohse, and Misses Betty J. Rank, Beryl Jellison, Louise Cappa, Pauline Schwan, Mary Wheeler, and Dexter Nichols.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

None of us can take any year or day, or even hour, and pronounce it perfect. But as we look over the whole, we see that a general purpose of good over-spreads it, and also that its general outcome is good. Its tendency has been to make us wiser, steadier, more patient and sympathetic, more obedient to law, more content with the things that are, and more hopeful. It is also well to see how one feature or experience of life plays usefully into another, how limitation works toward freedom, how a sickness or any other setback contributes to some large good . . . One part of life feeds another; hence we must not weigh its parts, but the whole.

Submitted by:  
B. T. POZNANSKI, Catholic Chaplain

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900  
**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.





You who prefer to read the new best sellers, the latest mysteries, or the new current-affairs books will be interested in the following partial list of books recently received in the hospital library. If you desire one of these books, phone or call at the library or ask the librarian when she passes through your ward with the book cart.

Some of the new novels listed on the best sellers accounts are **ROANOKE HUNDRED**, by Inglis Fletcher (an account of an early British colony in Roanoke Island); **HIGH TOWERS**, by Thomas Costain (two Canadian brothers strive to establish a French empire in America); **SANGAREE**, by Frank Slaughter (historical romance on a Georgia plantation in the post-Revolutionary years); **THE HOUR OF TRUTH**, by David Davidson (skillful intrigue with a tropical background). Two older titles still leading the lists are **THE NAKED AND THE DEAD**, by Mailer, and **THE BIG FISHERMAN**, by Lloyd C. Douglas.

Good news for the mystery fans: two new Erle Stanley Gardner books—**THE CASE OF THE DUBIOUS BRIDEGROOM**, and **THE D. A. TAKES A CHANCE**. Included in the list of the new whodunits are: **TEN DAYS' WONDER**, by Ellery Queen; **THE FOURTH POSTMAN**, by Craig Rice; **BEDROOMS HAVE WINDOWS**, by A. A. Fair.

For the non-fiction readers we have: **SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST**, by David Dallin; **YOUR INCOME TAX (1949)**, by J.K. Lesser; **YANKEE SCIENCE IN THE MAKING**, by Dirk Struik; **LORAN**, edited by John Pierce; **VERSUS**, by Ogden Nash; **AFTER-DINNER SCIENCE**, by Kenneth Swezey; **THE BIG NINE**, by Howard Roberts (the big nine in football); **THE SWISS WITHOUT HALOS**, by J. C. Herold; **THE DAMON RUNYON STORY**, by Ed Weiner; **THE IRON CURTAIN**, by Igor Gouzenko (the book from which was taken the movie of the same name); and **THE TAX DODGERS**, by Elmer Irey (the inside story of T-men's war with political and underworld hoodlums).

## Welcome and Farewell

Naval personnel reporting aboard for duty during the past week included LTJG Peggy A. Sorensen, NC, USN, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; and ten men from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif., they were Richard W. Abels, Charles E. Butler, Edward Estrada, Walter J. Gelien, James B. Harris, Elmer K. Kitagawa, George H. Richards, Glenn F. Spaulding, Donald H. Hampton, and Charles F. Young.

Enlisted staff members transferred during the week were J. W. Dickerson, Jr., HMC, J. N. Sklinchar, HM1, and L. E. Maplethorpe, HM1, to Independent Duty School Portsmouth, Virginia; and E. M. Thornton, TN, and H. S. Wilson, TN, to Naval School, Monterey, Calif.

## New EM Play Plan Will Start Soon; Uses Card System

(AFPS)—The pay bugaboo which long has plagued Servicemen when they moved from station to station is about to be a thing of the past.

Under the new pay system a man will carry his own pay record. Upon arriving at his new station he only has to present his card to his Commanding Officer, who in turn, presents it to the Finance Officer. Presto, the next day he will receive his pay.

The new pay set-up became necessary, Finance Officers stated, because pay records of military personnel were not always available when needed.

For officers on active duty, July 1st will see the end of making out a pay voucher each month. Checks for officer personnel will be forwarded to the individual each month automatically.

Following perfection of the procedure now under way by the Department of the Army, other branches of the Service will adopt the new pay plan. The Navy and the Air Force will then have the same chronological financial history of each man as does the Army.

## New Pay Bill

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the manner recommended, and by using the pay rates proposed by the Commission in its report.

Mr. Forrestal also recommended the insertion of a provision permitting the voluntary retirement, with the approval of his departmental head, of any officer at any grade who has completed 25 years of service and who, at the time of his retirement, is in the position of having been passed over twice.

He did not recommend continuation of the privilege of voluntary retirement after 20 years of service.

### Warns Against Inequity

A third recommendation by the SecDef concerned the Commission's suggestions regarding involuntary retirement of officers with 20 or more, but less than 25, years of continuous active service.

Mr. Forrestal said he approves the Commission's recommendation, but added that he thinks "it would be inequitable to apply them in such a way as to diminish the present expectancies of persons now in the services. This inequity can be removed," he added, "by providing any such individual with the following choice:

1. Election of one of the options set forth in the recommendations of the Commission with benefits under the option which is selected to be computed by using the pay scales proposed by the Commission, or

2. The retirement benefits provided under the present law but computed by using the pay rates prescribed by present law—but not to exceed the rates in effect at the time of his retirement."

### Option for Enlisted Personnel

With regard to the Commission's recommendations for the voluntary retirement of enlisted personnel, Mr. Forrestal decided on the inclusion of the above two options as applicable to enlisted personnel.



The story of LT W. S. Swofford's long and varied experience in the Navy is told by his ribbons—the Presidential Unit Citation (6th Marines at Okinawa), Good Conduct (3 stars), 2nd Nicaraguan Campaign, American Defense (star for overseas base), American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater (one battle star), Victory Medal, Navy Occupation, and China Service.

When the MSC officer reported aboard last July to serve as maintenance officer, he was no stranger to Oak Knoll, for he had served as the hospital's first Commissary Officer. (July 1942 to September 1944).

In his present capacity, he has the responsibility of keeping hospital grounds and equipment shipshape. If and when he finds time to relax, he spends it at his home on nearby Turnley Avenue, with his wife Vivian (another member of the Oak Knoll staff) and William Jr., 16. Mr. Swofford's hobbies are leathercraft, ceramics, and movie photography.



One of Oak Knoll's two occupational therapists, **Miss Lenora (Rusty) Andrews**, has been in constant attendance—advising and assisting patients, in the station's OT Department since January 1947.

Miss Andrews, a native daughter, was born in Los Angeles. She is a graduate of the University of Arizona and of the University of Southern California School of Occupational Therapy. Prior to coming here, she served as an occupational therapist for two years at various Army General Hospitals—William Beaumont General, El Paso, Texas; Borden General, Chickasha, Oklahoma; and Burns General, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Painting and photography are her favorite hobbies.

## Who's Who On The Compound

**William D. Gary, HN**, reported to Oak Knoll—his first Navy duty station, in March 1948 via boot camp and Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif. A native of Commerce, Georgia, he enlisted in the Navy in Greenville, South Carolina. Since his arrival here he has been assigned to ward duty and at present is detailed to the Commissary Department's Issue Room.

Being away from his familiar Southland is not unusual for the young hospital corpsman, for prior to entering the Navy, he spent a year in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Recently married, he and his wife have established residence in the hospital's Santa Cruz Village. Their occasional nights out are spent roller skating or swimming.



The name of **Fred A. Rudolph**, Pathology Department's dictating machine transcriber, has appeared on either the station's military or civilian personnel roster since March 1944 when he reported for duty as a pharmacist's mate during the busiest months of the hospital's existence. His name was added to the civilian payroll shortly after his discharge from the Naval Service at Shoaemaker, California, December 1945.

Rudolph, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his wife Barbara (D.P.D.), make their home in San Leandro, where he is a member of American Legion Post 217.

Building models and collecting stamps are the former Navy man's hobbies. He gets his exercise by tending his lawn and flower garden.





Sportin' Around

By Armed Forces Press Service

Peeling oranges in a California citrus plant for \$3.50 a day did not appeal to a tall, slim Californian. He liked the outdoors and baseball too well to confine himself to such a task, and quit the job after one day. Today he is able to peel greenbacks from a roll larger than even a California grapefruit.

His salary for 1949 will give him an income of almost \$250 per day figuring it on a 365-day basis. Actually it amounts to about twice that much as he works at his trade only half the year.

Joe DiMaggio is now the highest paid player in the history of baseball. He signed a one year contract with the Yankees for a flat salary of \$90,000 per. This tops Bob Feller's last year take of over \$80,000, exceeds the enormous wages paid to Babe Ruth and puts the Yankee Clipper in a class all of his own.

Rumors about the DiMag' contract have been flying for weeks. He, reportedly, was holding out for \$100,000, but was expected to sign for less. The final figure exceeded estimates by at least \$10,000. He could have made a deal whereby his income for 1949 would have topped the 100 Grand mark. The Yankee management was willing to give him a \$40,000 guarantee plus an attendance bonus which could have easily gone over \$40,000 for the season.

However, Joe DiMaggio is a good business man as well as a fine ball player. He remembered the baseball law which prohibits cutting a ball players salary more than 25 per cent per year. This means the Yankees must pay him at least \$67,500 next year, regardless of his performance this season and his 1951 pay even with the maximum cuts allowed will still top \$50,000. Joe figures he still has about two or three more years of good baseball ahead of him and intends to cash in on his ability.

Joe, it has been pointed out by several baseball writers, holds the distinction of being one ball player who gets big pay for being a good player and nothing else. He's a master craftsman, his fielding is great and nothing needs to be said about his hitting. Other than that he adds nothing to the show, he's never a clown, never in the headlines because of breaking rules and his life off the field is as clean cut as his ball playing. All Jo DiMaggio does is win ball games and the Yankees appreciate that and are showing it with a \$90,000 token of their appreciation.

Knoll Lions Drop Another To MI Team As Season Wanes

In finishing the mediocre 1948-49 season, Oak Knoll's fighting Lions dropped a 56-47 decision to the Mare Island PacResFlt on the winners' court Friday night. The uncanny accuracy of Paul Gibson, Mare Island forward, was the Knollites' downfall. Gibson's shooting from all over the court seemed automatic, as the ball neatly clipped the meshes for 31 points and high point honors for the night.

As the game started, the two teams appeared evenly matched and the lead changed hands several times until Gibson's shots started ringing the bell, and by halftime the Vallejo quintet had forged to a 30-18 lead. Fred Bell was the only consistent scorer for the Knollites in the first half, garnering 8 of the 18 markers.

In the second half the locals came back and held their own against their opponents and then gradually crept up until they were trailing by a scant 8 points, 48-40. But once again it was Gibson who cooled the Lions with his shooting, as he racked up 7 points to put the game on ice.

Clifford Hodge's 15 points was high for the Knollmen, with Bell getting 13 and Campbell 12.

She: "Is horse racing a clean sport?"  
He: "Well, it cleans quite a few every day."

Laboratory Keglers Breathe Heavily On 1st Place Pharmacy

In station league matches rolled last week, Laboratory keglers continued their consistent drive for first place by taking a 3-1 win over the Out-Patient Department. This places them within one neck-breathing point behind the league-leading Pharmacy team who earned nothing better than a 2-2 split with Dental.

The resurgent Married Chiefs snatched all four points from their opponents, CPOs, to climb into third place, only three points back of the pace. X-ray, in fifth place last week, fell one notch to sixth place after dropping four points to Central Supply who moved from seventh to the number five spot.

Property and Accounting's 3-1 win over the Nurses left the women in white in sole possession of the cellar spot.

The Married CPO's Chief Boyd led station keglers for individual honors last week with a 515 triple.

League Standings

	Points
1. Pharmacy	19
2. Laboratory	18
3. Married Chiefs	16
4. O. P. D.	13
5. Central Supply	12
6. X-ray	11
7. CPOs	9
8. Property and Accounting	8
9. Dental	8
10. Nurses	6



Among those who received diplomas from the Commanding Officer recently upon completion of the Work Improvement Program were left to right: Pinkie B. Orr, Ella Burr, Jesse Freudenthal, Ralph O. Thomas, John Miller, Dudley R. Britney, Fred Robinson, Henry Moser, and James Raser.

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**BAD MEN OF TOMBSTONE**

B. Sullivan — M. Reynolds

March of Time — News
- Monday, 28 February

**BOOMTOWN**

C. Colbert — C. Gable
- Tuesday, 1 March

**CRISS CROSS**

B. Lancaster — Y. deCarlo

Goggle Fishing Bear
- Wednesday, 2 March

**RUSTY LEADS THE WAY**

T. Donaldson — A. Moran

Radio Riot
- Thursday, 3 March

**HENRY THE RAINMAKER**

R. Walburn — W. Catlett

The Sunday Roundup
- Friday, 4 March

**MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN**

L. Young — Van Johnson

Cartoon — News
- Saturday, 5 March

**SMASH-UP**

S. Hayward — E. Albert

Mrs. Fozzle (to bridge expert): "In the same circumstances, how would you have played the hand?"  
Bridge Expert: "Under an assumed name, ma'am."







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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 5 March, 1949

## All Hands' Support Of RC Drive Urged By Surgeon General

Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy, is among the many high, civilian and military officials who have written urging all hands support the current American Red Cross drive for funds. An excerpt from Admiral Swanson's letter is reprinted below:

*I speak for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and hence for the Medical Department of the Navy, when I say that we have depended and will continue to rely upon the Red Cross for medical and psychiatric social work of the highest professional calibre, as well as the hospital recreation program. The personnel assigned to Naval medical installations by the Red Cross are members of the medical team and valued collaborators in the medical care of our patients.*

*I say this at this time of the annual fund drive in the hope that the potential contributors may be fully aware of the great work done by the Red Cross in Service in Military Hospitals, as well as in other areas of responsibility, such as the Home Service program of the Chapters, the Volunteer Services, the Disaster Relief Program and the Blood Donor Program.*

*All of these endeavors and others deserve the generous support of the American people, and, knowing them as I do, I am confident that this 1949 appeal for funds will be the most successful on record. The American National Red Cross deserves and hereby has the Navy's "Well done" for its past and current work.*

C. A. SWANSON,  
Rear Admiral (MC),  
Surgeon General, U.S. Navy

## Bonus Deadline Nears For Vets of 2 States

Eligible Michigan World War II veterans must file applications for the state bonus by 20 March 1949, and all applications must be notarized and mailed to the Adjutant General's Office, Bonus Section, Lansing 1, Michigan, before that date, according to the American Legion Magazine Veterans Newsletter.

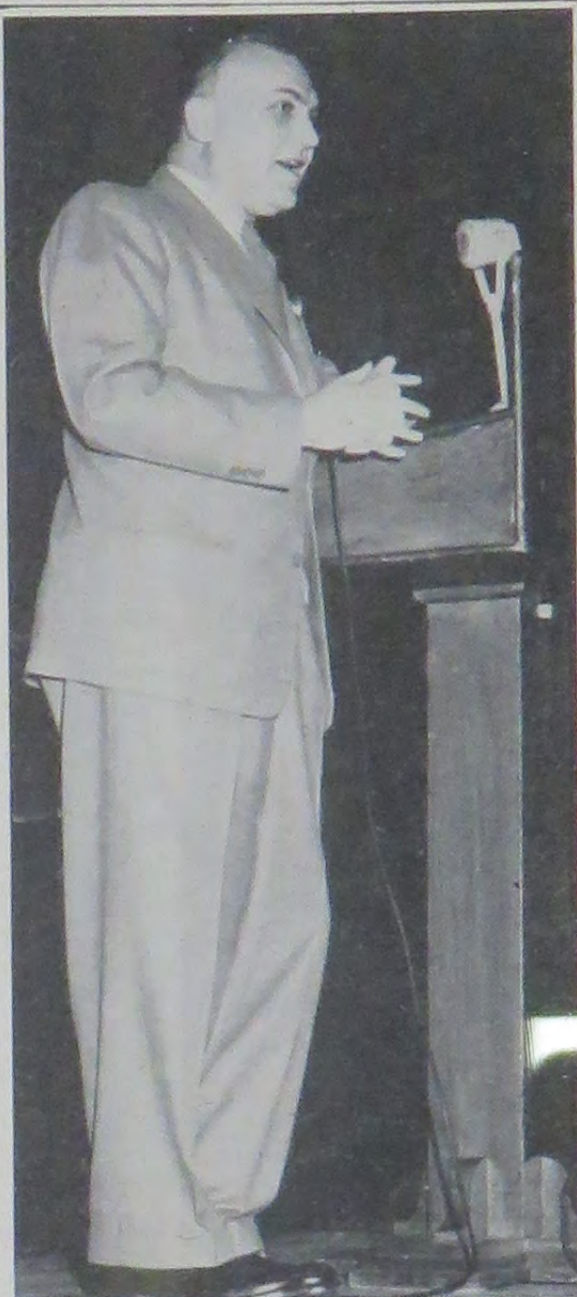
Time is also creeping up on eligible veterans who entered service from Connecticut and Illinois. The deadline in these two states is 1 July 1949. Connecticut veterans write Treasurer, Veterans Bonus Division, State Armory, Hartford, Conn. Illinois veterans contact Service Recognition Board, 301 West Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, for blanks and information for filing.

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The Pennsylvania Legislature this week approved a \$500,000,000 Bond Issue in connection with the payment of a bonus for World War II Veterans. The vote of 207 to 0 by the State house of Representatives, was on a bond issue which had been approved also by the 1947 State Legislature, as required by constitutional requirements.

Each veteran who served more than sixty days between December 7, 1941, and September 12, 1945, will get \$10 for each month of service in the U.S. and \$15 for each month of overseas service, to a maximum of \$500.

The bond issue amendment which will authorize the State to borrow \$500,000,000 for the bonus, must be approved by the people by referendum vote at this November's election before it is adopted. So the fate of the measure hangs with the voters of Pennsylvania.



DR. LESLIE B. HOHMAN

## Leslie B. Hohman, Noted Psychiatrist, Lectures to Staff

Dr. Leslie B. Hohman, Professor of Neuropsychiatry at Duke University School of Medicine, spoke here Monday afternoon to a large and enthusiastic audience made up of men and women of the officer and enlisted staffs, civilian employees, and wives of staff members. His subject was "The Training of Emotional Problems in Children."

Dr. Hohman is a well-known author and lecturer on the subject of Child Psychiatry and training of children and is the author of a widely-read book on the training of children, entitled "As the Twig Is Bent." In addition to his scientific publications in the field of neurology, neuropathology, and psychiatry, he is a frequent contributor on psychiatric subjects to the Ladies' Home Journal.

The distinguished doctor also serves as psychiatric councillor to the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults and is a member of the National Academy for Cerebral Palsy, as well as a member of the leading neurological and psychiatric societies of America.

While in the Bay Area to deliver one of the principal addresses at the recent San Francisco conference of the International Council on Exceptional Children and to address the California Society for Crippled Children and Adults, he was a houseguest of the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Broaddus, with whom he was associated during the war years, when both men were on the staff of U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia.

After hearing Dr. Hohman speak at Mills College, Captain Broaddus requested him to repeat his lecture to the hospital audience so that they would have an opportunity to hear his very practical as well as scientific advice on the management of childhood emotional and behavior problems. The discussion was recorded, and copies are being prepared for reference.

## Civilians Bolster Staff

Six civilians — two men and four women — were added to the station's civilian work force during the month of February, records of the Civilian Personnel Office reveal.

The new workers and their jobs are: Emile Dubois, upholsterer; Harry Rooney, pipefitter; Margaret Drake, military payroll clerk; Marie Dutton and Velma Miles, maids, and Alverta Gibbons, clerk typist.

## Urologists of Northern California Hold Meeting at Oak Knoll



More than 60 members of the Northern California Urological Society were present when the group met here last Saturday night. Among them were, left to right, Dr. James R. Dillon, Professor of Urology, Stanford University; Dr. Leon Oppenheimer, Oakland; Dr. Emmett Henderson, San Jose; Captain C. A. Broaddus; Dr. Dudley Fagerstrom, San Jose, president of the society; Dr. Miles Griffin, Berkeley, secretary; Dr. Thomas E. Gibson, San Francisco, president-elect; Dr. George Reinle, Chief of Urology, Merritt Hospital, Oakland; Dr. George W. Hartman, San Francisco; Captain A. C. Abernethy, head of Oak Knoll's Urology Department; Dr. Arno Folte, San Francisco, president-elect of the Western Section of the American Urological Association; Dr. Lloyd Kindall, Oakland, and Dr. Albert M. Meads, Oakland, past-president of the Western Section of the American Urological Association.

### Notice

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## When The Head Swells

"There are usually two sides to every question—the truth and what you think." This statement is quite harsh, but nevertheless too often true. Perhaps for you, this isn't true, but if it isn't, it is because you have realized the possibility that it could be and diligently sought after the truth and laid hold on it rather than just pass off your unpremeditated opinions as flawless gems of wisdom. There is a danger in doing the latter. It gives the individual an unwarranted self-confidence and stunts his intellectual and spiritual growth. "When the head swells, the mind stops growing." When you arrive at the point where you think you know it all or all you want to know, your potential usefulness to yourself and to society has been prematurely determined. You may be able to bluff your way along for a while on what you already know, but sooner or later, and it's usually sooner, your associates will tag you for what you are—narrow, dull, shallow and uninteresting.

To prevent this severe and unflattering evaluation of yourself by others, give yourself to the task of adding to the latitude of your thought and the heightening of your spiritual insight and power.

Your education was not completed when you finished school. Exploit the potential power of your mind with vigor and resolve. Refuse to believe that you can ever reach the "saturation point." "Incline thine ear unto wisdom and apply thy heart to understanding," and watch yourself grow into a larger measure of happiness.

Let not the growth of your soul lag behind the development of your mind. In the beauty and holiness of true worship, in the practice of prayer, and in study and meditation upon the Word of God, let your soul take wings and rise to the full stature of her greatness.

Don't be satisfied with what you have made of yourself up to now. Don't stand at "parade rest" before the march of time has rendered you weary and incapable of advancement. "Keep thy mind and heart with all diligence, for out of them are the issues of life."—Robert F. McComas, Protestant Chaplain.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Divine Service ..... 1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900  
**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Sunday School Starts Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Sunday, 6 March, the Protestant Sunday School will open in Building 133 at 1000. All Protestant parents interested in the religious education of their children are encouraged to send their children. A Protestant Nursery, where parents

desiring to attend Church can leave their children, will also open this Sunday. The Nursery will open at 1045 and close immediately after Church. Beginning this Sunday, Protestant Church Services will start at 1100 instead of 1030.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-two births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period February 20 to 26 inclusive. Statistics follow:

### February 20

MCDONALD, Kathryn Jean—To wife of John W. McDonald, AD1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

HOFMANN, Alfred Paul—To wife of Alfred W. Hofmann, Jr., SN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

CEDARSTAFF, Margaret Lynn—To wife of Carl A. Cedarstaff, BM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

### February 21

BATES, Harvey Dial Jr.—To wife of H. D. Bates, FN, 4 pounds, 13 ounces.

HAMPTON, Thomas Richard—To wife of William H. Hampton, AMC, 8 pounds, 2½ ounces.

FARRELL, Nancy Susan—To wife of Thomas W. Farrell, RMSN, 8 pounds.

BARNETT, Richard Lane—To wife of Willie L. Barnett, CSC, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

### February 22

SUMMY, Richard Charles—To wife of Richard C. Summy, HMC, 8 pounds.

DICKERSON, Judith La Juana—To wife of Charles W. Dickerson, SGT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

HARRINGTON, Steven Alfred—To wife of Howard W. Harrington, WO, USMC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

### February 23

ZEITELHACK, (Boy)—To wife of Ward H. Zeitelhack, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

HENDERSON, Nancy Jeane—To wife of Richard G. Henderson, HM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

### February 24

ROWE, Fern Elizabeth—To wife of Horace D. Rowe, SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

TOOMEY, Timothy Michael—To wife of Robert B. Toomey, YN1, 8 pounds, 11½ ounces.

## Chaplain McComas Named Chairman Of Local RC Drive

The Commanding Officer this week appointed LCDR Robert F. McComas, ChC, USN, chairman of the Annual Red Cross fund drive at this hospital and the campaign is now in full swing according to reports from the chaplain's office.

LCDR McComas, who recently reported aboard as senior chaplain at Oak Knoll, is familiar with American Red Cross services and the wide scope of the organization's usefulness.

Named to assist him in handling the drive are CDR Tracy D. Cutler who will be responsible for contributions from Medical Officers; LCDR Raymond H. Friesz, Dental Officers; LT Bertha R. Evans, Nurse Corps; LT B. T. Poznanski, Medical Service, Civil Engineer, H(W), and Supp. Corps; LT B. I. Brecheisen, civilian employees; W. W. Thompson, HMC, enlisted staff; E. H. Brown, HMC, enlisted personnel (patients).

REESE, Cathrine Lee—To wife of John H. Reese, MMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

### February 25

STRUNK, Beverly Francis—To wife of Gorman L. Strunk, LTJG, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

PEREZ, Christina—To wife of Romeo Perez, LT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

GONYO, Jeannine Ruth—To wife of Albert Gonyo, BMC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

### February 26

LEON GUERRERO, (Boy)—To wife of Jesue S. Leon Guerrero, SD1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

KUBANDA, Michael Andrew—To wife of Andrew M. Kubanda, CS3, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

JOHNSON, William Michael—To wife of William A. Johnson, ATC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

JUST, James Frank—To wife of Rollie E. Just, AK1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

## Patients' Hillbilly Band Entertains On Wards



This group of talented Oak Knoll patients met through the use of Red Cross musical instruments at the Music Room, Building 102. They spontaneously organized a fine hillbilly band which has played for the active patients on several wards.

Beatrice Halpert, Red Cross Recreation Worker in charge of the Lounge and Music Room, assisted the group. Pictured with her here are left to right: Albert Berry, MM3, Ward 51B; Bert Williams, CSB, Ward 44A; William Comer, SN, Ward 44A; James Stevens, FN, Ward 45A; Douglas Wakefield, MM2, Ward 43B, and Verne Campbell, TMC, Ward 49.



# Red Cross Ramblings

**FACE MAKING!** A neat, and just a bit gaudy (for good reasons) item being constructed at the Red Cross Craft Shop, Building 102. CARL LEON PERRY, DMI, Ward 43B, is making a puppet stage aided and abetted by ANTHONY VIADA, one of our favorite fire inspectors. The stage will be finished very shortly and ready for all the amusing little dramas that are possible with the use of hand puppets.

Remember PUNCH and JUDY? What we need now are characters—all kinds of characters to people the stage. So we will have a **FACE MAKING CONTEST** with prizes for winners in different categories. All you need (and this is easy for bed patients) is a little wad of modeling clay and the Red Cross has lots of that. You don't have to figure on hair or clothes or any of the rest of it—just the face! It can be old or young, happy or sad, guy or gal, pup or mule, almost anything that occurs to you! The face should be between three and three and one half inches long and have all its features exaggerated because, if it is chosen to be made into a **REAL PUPPET**, papier mache will have to be molded over it and that will flatten the features out a little. Ask your Red Cross Recreation Worker about the Face Making Contest!

**TIME TO GET THE CROPS IN** There's one time of year that sets every farmer, past or present, to sniffing the air (even if it filters in through a hospital window!). It's that time after we've had a few rains and expect a few more but the air has a sort of soft feeling to it. That's **"LANTIN" TIME**—and that time is right now!

Maybe you'd like to put a few seeds in the ground and watch them grow, or some little bedding flower plants or shrubs. Vegetables can look really pretty as well as taste good when you pick them fresh.

Just outside your ward is quite a lot of unturfed space which could be planted. Flower pots and boxes can be used inside. If you have a feeling for **GROWING THINGS** just tell your Red Cross Worker and she'll see that you get whatever you'd like in the way of tools, soil improvers, expert advice, seeds and plants. (Just make it easy on six-year-old orchids, huh?)

**CHESS PLAYERS!** So you play chess but don't see anyone else near you who plays? Maybe the man a couple of beds away feels the same way. However, **CORRESPONDENCE CHESS** is a lot of fun, too, and you don't have to be a terrific player to hold your own with men just like you at another hospital. If you'd like to exchange names with an adversary just about your speed as a chess player, let your Red Cross Worker know about it.

Cutie: "All my life, I've been saving my kisses for a big, strong man like you."

Sailor: "Baby, prepare to lose the wings of a lifetime."

## Who's Who On The Compound



Oak Knoll's assistant dental officer, **LCDR Edwin J. Madden, DC, USN**, is a graduate of the College of Dentistry, University of Minnesota, and accepted his appointment in the Navy in June 1942.

Dr. Madden's naval assignments have included duty with the 22nd Marine Brigade Field Hospital, Navy Mobile Hospital No. 3, Convalescent Hospital, Yosemite, 12th Naval District Dental Officer's Office, and the U.S.S. Benevolence. He reported to Oak Knoll in June 1947, following his detachment from the hospital ship.

Married, and the father of one-year-old Michael, the dentist and his wife Harriet, reside on Oakland's Columbian Drive.

Fishing, photography and leathercraft are the staff officer's hobbies.



**Edna Bourdase** has occupied a desk in Oak Knoll's Administration Building since 16 November 1942. One of the hospital's veteran civil employees, Mrs. Bourdase is secretary to the Administrative Assistant.

Believe it or not, she started her secretarial career at the age of 12 when she was employed as a stenographer at Kahn's. Before coming to Oak Knoll, she had also worked for five years in the botany department at the University of California.

A native of Oakland, Mrs. Bourdase and her husband Henry (transportation department employee) make their home on 57th Avenue with their two sons, Edmund 20, Jack 18, and their daughter, Diane 15.

Mrs. Bourdase finds knitting both a satisfying and relaxing hobby and constantly practices that art during her evening hours at home.

Recently detached from her duties as head nurse in the dependent section, **LT Mary S. Wolfgang, NC, USN**, leaves behind her a reputation for outstanding executive ability and tact—valuable assets in the position she had held here for nearly two years.

Miss Wolfgang entered the Navy in Jacksonville, Florida, in September 1941 and last week received orders to return there to serve at USNH, Jacksonville. She had requested duty there because of the illness of her mother.

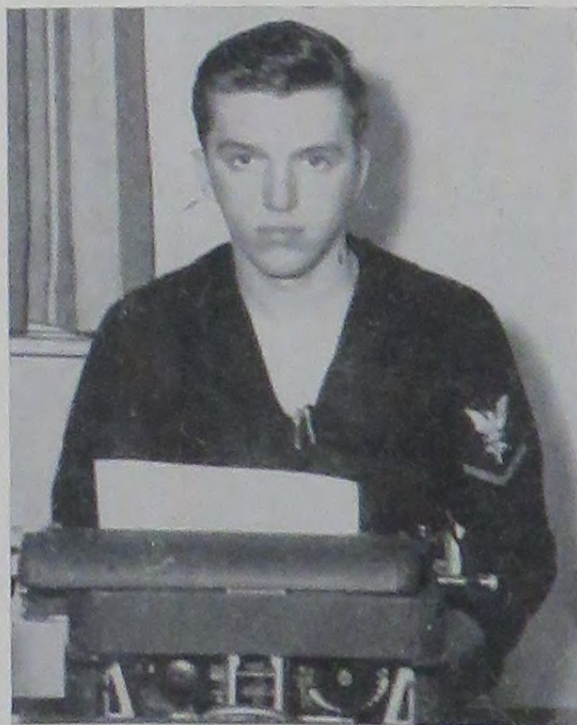
Although the Nurse Corps lieutenant claims she has no special abilities beyond her professional ones, the Oak Leaf has it on good authority that she is an excellent seamstress.



Sports-minded **Jack T. Brandt, HM3**, enlisted in the Navy in his native Indianapolis, Indiana, February 3, 1947. Following the usual indoctrination periods at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, and Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Illinois, he was transferred and reported to Oak Knoll in October of the same year. The Admitting Office of the Out-Patient Department is his present detail.

Prior to entering the Navy, Brandt attended Butler University with intention of majoring in journalism. His extracurricular work there included assignment as sports correspondent to the Indianapolis News, Times, and Star.

Willing to try his hand at any sport, the young Hoosier has a decided preference for basketball. During the season just ended, he was first-string guard on the hospital team.



## Service Pay Raise Based On Civilian Employees Earnings

(This is the first of three articles on proposed Service pay revision.)

By Armed Forces Press Service

Pay structure for a serviceman should offer initial compensation and progressive increases comparing favorably with what he could expect in other professions and occupations requiring similar abilities.

This was the broad underlying principle set by the Hook Commission, known technically as the Advisory Commission on Service Pay, in recommending the first general overhaul of pay schedules since 1908.

### Recommendations Studied

The Armed Services recommendations for pay revisions, based on the Hook Report, is presently before Congress for legislative action.

Basically, the committee reported that present pay scales do not provide sufficient incentive to the serviceman and that a new program should be related to compensation in industry; be formulated on the principle of pay for responsibility, and provide incentive for advancement.

### Pay Determined By Grades

The pay incentive should be the differential between grades rather than the accumulation of longevity.

The distinguishing characteristics of the proposed compensation for length of service, as distinguished from the current "longevity" plan are:

The new length of service increases would be known as "in-grade" increases. They would be paid on a flat rate of increase, rather than on a percentage basis, and they would be paid at intervals of two years.

## • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 6 March

**RED PONY**

R. Mitchum — M. Loy

**Three Little Pigs**

News

Monday, 7 March

**LOVE LAUGHS AT ANDY**

M. Rooney — B. Granville

**Surfboard Rhythm**

Tuesday, 8 March

**FAMILY HONEYMOON**

C. Colbert — F. MacMurray

**Berlin Powder Keg**

Wednesday, 9 March

**BOSTON BLACKIE'S CHINESE**

**VENTURE**

C. Morris — J. Woodbury

**Who Done It**

Thursday, 10 March

**SONG OF INDIA**

T. Bey — G. Russell

**Trigger Magic**

Friday, 11 March

**CAUGHT**

J. Mason — B. Bel Geddes

**Short — News**

Saturday, 12 March

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**Play and Plenty**

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### Central Supply Out Of Station League; Standings Affected

A reshuffle of team standings was necessitated last week when Central Supply keglers dropped from the station bowling league.

At a meeting held following Central Supply's decision to discontinue participation in the league because of player problems, committee members voted to subtract the number of points from their total that league teams have won in matches against Central Supply up to date.

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In games rolled last week, X-ray defeated CPO Quarters, 3-1, Pharmacy yielded to strong Laboratory, 1-3, Property and Accounting and the Married Chiefs cut their cake in even slices with a 2-2 split, and the cellar dwelling Nurses were sunk under a 1-3 defeat by the Out-Patient Department.

Chief Brandon of Laboratory rolled 186, 173 and 143 for a 502 triple and individual honors for high three-game series, Chief Brown of Married CPO's, was second with a 470 triple.

X-ray's Gass, with a 196, was credited with high single game in league play last week.

Team high total was rolled by Laboratory with 2240. The score does not include handicaps.

## ★ ★ Sportin' Around ★ ★

The University of Kentucky Wildcats face the saddest part of their life this year. They are going to have four of their sharpest teeth pulled. These teeth have names, not incisor, molar or bicuspid's, but names like this: Ralph Beard, Alex Groza, Wallace (Wah-Wah) Jones, and Cliff Barker. Any kid from grammar school on up will recognize these names, for they have symbolized basketball to perfection for the past four years at the Bluegrass State college.

Coached by the inimitable Adolph Rupp, "the Baron of Basketball," the Kentucky basketballers have copped the Southeastern Conference diadem for 4 straight years and currently are the number one college outfit in the nation for the second straight year. And this was all due, in no small way, to the basket shooting, ball handling and floor play put on by the aforementioned gentlemen who will leave the Kentucky hardwood this year.

The most highly publicized, and colorful of the quartet is fireball Ralph Beard. The Louisville lad has been everybody's All-American for the past two years and is heading for number three award at a rapid rate. Put a piece of gum in this boy's mouth and let the action get hot and, brother, gum ain't got a chance. He masticates fiercely, and in between tugs at his socks, (which are his trademarks on the hardwood), he can shoot from any position, with either hand. He is an expert ball hawk, coming up with as many enemy passes as he receives from his own teammates, and is usually on the receiving end of Rupp's precision guard offense.

Number two on the list of the "when will we get another bunch like this" foursome is center Alex Groza. Alex is the little (?) brother of the "Toe," Lou Groza of the Cleveland Browns pro gridiron machine, but is nevertheless as famous. The 6-foot, 7-inch Groza was the winner of the outstanding player award of the N.C.A.A. tournament last year, and this year, in his final appearance on the home court, cracked the Southeastern Conference scoring record set in 1938, by scoring 23 points to raise his season total in the conference to 508 and up the record by four points. In this same final game before the home folk, the Wildcats clawed Vanderbilt 70-37 to end its fourth unbeaten season in the conference.

Eldest of the four graduating netters is Cliff Barker. The Yorktown, Indiana, senior, who spent the war

years as a tail gunner on a B-17, is 27 years old and married. Ball control is the mainstay of the colorful cager, and he has sent many a crowd home awed by his antics with the large round ball. As the old saying goes, he can do anything with a basketball but eat it. He throws it behind his back, between his legs, and some unsuspecting defensive ball player might hear it whistling by his ear at a very unexpected time. And more times than not, his deception has found him in position to whip in an easy two points. Needless to say, he is a great favorite with the fans, and a great help to the ball club as a whole.

Last, but by far not least, is Wallace, (Wah-Wah) Jones. Although the Harlan, Kentucky, All Star is not the dashing, daring type of ball player as is Beard, he is a deadly set shot from the corners, and has broken the back of many a team; he is also the balance with Groza under the basket, and has collected many two-pointers via the tip-in route. When the illustrious Jones started at Kentucky, he brought with him the reputation of Kentucky's A-1 schoolboy athlete. By his high performance as a four letterman, in basketball, baseball and football, he has become one of the campus heroes and one of the outstanding athletes of this generation.

Yes, it will be a sad year for Baron Rupp. And it will be a long time before the United States will see another college quintet to compare with the University of Kentucky Wildcats of 1945-1949.

—Jack T. Brandt, HM3.

Irvin S. Cobb said: "If it ever becomes my misfortune to go insane, I want to go live in Washington, where I will not be noticed."

## Knoll Quintet Ends Season With Loss

A surprisingly strong Mare Island Hospital quintet administered a 39-35 defeat to the Oak Knoll Lions on the Mare Island hardwood last Friday night. Only once did the local cagers assume the lead—but it was short-lived glory, for the winners immediately bounced back and were never headed.

Mare Island was the first to score as Nay, MI guard, dropped in a two pointer, which coupled with Kanche's follow-in, made the score 4-0 until Fred Bell hit for the locals. However, Evans of Mare Island then went on a scoring spree and the home quintet shot into a 10-2 lead.

With the exception of Bell, the Knoll squad was colder than the ashes of a dead love. The smooth working forward tallied the entire Knoll total in the first half which ended with the score; Mare Island 16, Bell 11.

In the second half a field goal by Claude Johnson and Bell's free throw reduced the margin to 16-14. The opposition's Evans then got back on the scoring wagon and Mare Island went into a 20-14 lead. At this point the Knollites' Johnson ripped the net with one, Gordon "Little Toot" Ellis looped in a one-hander and Brandt drove in to sink the tying bucket. Another charity effort by Bell put Oak Knoll out in front 21-20. But four rapid-fire baskets by the Vallejo netters gave them a commanding lead which they never relinquished, despite the efforts of Herb Mass, Ellis, and Brandt. Duna backer's last minute splurge nullified the trio's struggle to close the gap and assured Mare Island the win.

Evans of Mare Island led the scoring parade with 16, while Bell meshed 13 to pace the Lions.

## WELCOME AND FAREWELL

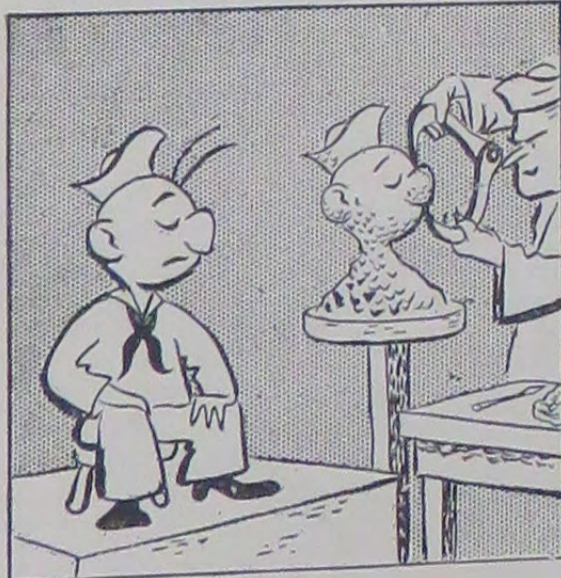
Officers and enlisted personnel reporting aboard for duty during the past week included LTJG D. R. Bassett, DCR, USNR, from Naval Dental School, Bethesda; LT Virginia C. Quimby, NC, USN, from N.A.S., Bermuda; Constance L. Charron, HA, (W), USN, from Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, and S. A. Bedord, HM3, from U.S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

Detached to other stations during the week were LT H. N. Trotter, MSC, USN, to Receiving Station, San Francisco; LT Mary I. Wolfgang, NC, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville;

LT Henrietta J. Hebert, NC, LT Mary Grande, NC, and LTJG Florence I. Loughrey, NC, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam; R. E. Bobb, HMC, to Independent Duty School, Portsmouth, Va.; J. M. Mills, TN, to Naval Supply Annex, Stockton; and TNs W. Fowler T. Gaskins, L. Gonzales, "K", T. Griffith, A. Natividad, S. M. Ortega, and W. C. Pamaran, to N.A.S., Alameda.

Separated from the Naval Service were LTJG C. E. Clement, MCR, USNR, and ENS Patricia Lane, NC, USN.

### STALEMATE



### A Model Performance



### By Ed Hughes, LI3







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## Ward Patients Join In Close Harmony



Mrs. Louise Zerwick, singer-pianist, furnishes the music and joins Steven Cummings, Veteran, Mrs. F. B. Zimmerman, Red Cross Gray Lady, and Glennan McLemore, SN, in singing popular quartet numbers on Ward 41A. The Red Cross arranges for individual entertainers such as Mrs. Zerwick to visit the hospital and help ease patients' long convalescent hours.

## Dr. Arthur Bloomfield Of UC To Lecture To Staff Medical Officers Here Wednesday

Dr. Arthur Bloomfield, Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School, will lecture in the Staff Conference Room here Wednesday evening at 7:30. His subject will be "Clinical Bacteriology of the Upper Air Passages in Relation to Infection."

This is one of six lectures in the current basic science series. The first two, which dealt with "Clinical Physiology of the Respiratory System," were presented by Dr. Gerald Crenshaw, former staff medical officer, who now serves as a consultant.

On the evenings of March 23 and 30 "Virus Diseases of the Respiratory System" will be discussed by Dr. Gordon Meiklejohn, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of California, and on April 6 Dr. Lowell Rantz, Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford will lecture on "Immunology of Diseases of the Respiratory System."

All medical officers of the staff and those at other medical installations in the Bay Area are invited to attend.

## Washington Hi-Lite

Navy service ribbons are to be reduced in size to conform with those of the Army. The current 1/2 inch ribbons authorized by the Navy are to be replaced by 3/8 inch ribbons although the change is not mandatory until 1 October, 1951. The two sizes may not be mixed, the Navy pointed out.

## Three Staff Doctors Pass Board Exams

Recently added to the staff's growing list of specialty board members are Captain A. C. Hohn, Captain A. R. Higgins, and CDR C. R. Carr.

Captain Hohn, head of the Ophthalmology Department, was certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology last October. Dr. Hohn has been in the Navy nearly 20 years, having been commissioned a LTJG immediately after receiving his M.D. from the University of Texas in 1929. He is a graduate of the Army School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas, and from 1938 to 1941 he served as instructor in ophthalmology at the Naval School of Aviation, Pensacola. He reported here for duty in June, 1947, after completing a year of postgraduate study in his specialty at the University of Pennsylvania.

### Internal Medicine Specialist

Captain Higgins was recently certified as a specialist in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine, having successfully passed the examinations in San Francisco on February 9. The Oak Knoll internist began his Navy medical career immediately after receiving his M.D. from McGill University, Montreal, in 1932. He has been assistant to the Chief of Medicine here since July, 1947, and was acting Chief of that service for three months between the detachment of Captain E. F. Evans and the arrival of Captain J. H. Ward. As executive secretary of the hospital's professional training program he has general supervision of all activities relating to residency and intern training here.

### Passes Orthopedic Board

CDR Carr successfully passed his examinations in Chicago on January 20 and a month later received the announcement of his certification by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1944. Dr. Carr has served in the Medical Corps for more than a decade, having been commissioned immediately after completing two years' surgical internship at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he had received his M.D. in 1936. Dr. Carr has had graduate work in adult orthopedics at the Lahey Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts, and just before reporting for duty as Head of the Orthopedic Department here in February, 1948, he completed a year's residency training in children's orthopedics at the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital under auspices of Duke University Medical School.

## Captain S. S. Cook Ordered To Report Aboard As MO in C

The Commanding Officer is pleased to announce that Captain Sterling S. Cook, MC, USN, has been ordered to relieve him. Captain Cook, now serving as Medical Officer in Command of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington, attended the Medical College of Virginia with Captain Broadbuss and Captain Page Northington.

At the request of the Navy Department and with the approval of the American Medical Association, all three were graduated in April, 1917, two months before the end of their senior year so that they might report for duty in the Medical Corps a few days after the beginning of World War I.

Captain Cook will arrive here about the first of April, and change of command ceremonies will take place on or about April fourth.

## Gary Nottingham To Play For St. Patrick's Dance



Direct from Las Vegas' Last Frontier to Oak Knoll's Saint Patrick's Day dance will come Gary Nottingham, popular band leader and his group of thirteen musicians, according to word released yesterday by the Recreation Office.

Gary, whose recordings are almost as popular as his personal appearances, will bring with him as soloist the Latin American "Bombshell," Nini Arnell.

The dance is scheduled for 2000 Wednesday evening, March 16.

## New Board of Governors To Be Elected By CEA

A new board of governors for the Civilian Employees Association will be elected during the coming week, according to a memorandum issued by the association president.

Committees have been appointed to conduct the election in each department, first determining which persons in the group are willing to serve and then choosing the necessary number of governors by majority vote.

Functions of the board are (1) General direction and control of the affairs of the association (2) Establishing the policies of the association (3) Controlling the expenditures of the association.

This election is of major importance to the CEA since a well-informed, enthusiastic, and energetic Board of Governors is necessary to the success of the organization.



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## Congress To Act On Services' Proposed Subsistence Pay

A comprehensive warrant officer structure which can be applied universally is one of the recommendations in the report of the Advisory Commission on Service Pay (Hook Commission), now before Congress for legislative action.

On basic allowances, the Commission believes officers and warrant officers should continue to subsist themselves and should be granted subsistence allowances at all times. Enlisted personnel should be granted subsistence allowances when rations in kind are not provided, or when permission is granted to mess separately.

Only one subsistence allowance should be granted to each officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man, whether or not he has dependents, and the amount should be the same for all grades and all branches. The allowance should reflect current cost changes.

Officers and warrant officers should be granted allowances for quarters at all times, subject to withholding of allowances when Government quarters are assigned.

Enlisted personnel should be granted separate allowances for quarters when Government quarters are not provided.

All officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the first three pay grades, plus enlisted men of Grade Four with seven years' total service, should be authorized a higher allowance if they have dependents. Enlisted personnel of Grade Four with less than seven years' total service, and Grades Five through Seven alike, should receive the same allowance regardless of dependents.

The amount of quarters allowance should reflect current cost changes. The amount for each grade should equal the maximum monthly rental rate at which 75 per cent of the civilians in equivalent income classes may reasonably be expected to find adequate housing.

The Commission also recommends a "Savings Provision" which would protect individuals for a maximum of three years against any loss in total of pay as a result of enacted changes.

—AFPS.

(This is the second of three articles on proposed Service pay revisions.)

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Divine Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thurs-

day)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

What is necessary to make one forbearing? A great deal of good sense with a little piety. How many persons would dare each evening to say simply to God, "My God, treat me tomorrow as I have today treated such a person, whom I have rudely repulsed, whose faults I have brought to light through malice or to parade my wit; as I have treated another, to whom, through pride, through aversion, through contempt, I have refused to speak, whom I have avoided, whom I cannot like because he displeased me, whom I can not pardon, and with whom I do not wish to exchange any civility." And yet do not forget that, sooner or later, God will do unto you as you do unto others.

—B. T. POZNANSKI, Catholic Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**The Wearin' O' The Green.** Any spalpeen who can get about the base this next week should get acquainted with the pretty colleens who will be at the Lounge on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, March 15 and 17, from 1900 to 2100, in honor of Himself, the famous Saint Patrick! Bear in mind that if you are troubled by snakes it is Himself that chased them out of Ireland and he could do the same for you. So practice up on your blarney and look forward to not one, but two elegant jigs!

The foin decorations you will see have been designed and directed by patient **O. D. (Danny) Jones**, MM3, Ward 64B, who did an outstanding job for the Valentine Dance. Jones, an expert, has had decorator's training in Columbus, Ohio, and considerable experience in that field. On his committee of helpers, the feminine touch will be provided by that WAVE from Great Lakes, **Connie Charron**, HN!

And, speaking of the Red Cross Lounge, you **Sports Fans** have a real treat in store for you Monday night at 1900. There will be two **Boxing** and two **Wrestling** matches for your entertainment and you should see some lively action! Coaches **Eddie Nemir** (boxing) and **Henry Stone** (wrestling), from the staff of the Physical Education Department, University of California, have arranged the matches and their boys have a fine record of competition. They should put on a real show!

**Patients' Parties:** It's not news when the Red Cross plans and carries out a party for a patient or group of patients, but when the patients throw a party for the Red Cross—that's news! The patients on Ward 63A decided to **surprise** their evening recreation Gray Ladies with a planned party for them complete with two boxes of wonderful candy. They made the Gray Ladies play "swap-bingo" to beat the band before two of them became the lucky winners!

On Ward 61A the patients wanted to honor **William (Bill) Cochell**, veteran, on his 32nd birthday and did it up in style with a planning committee which got gifts, arranged flowers, and decorated the food cart for Bill's party. The festivities opened with some close harmony salutations to the "birthday boy" and ended with refreshments provided by the Red Cross. Recordings of the occasion were also made. Participants were **C. A. Dack**, CS3, **G. D. Hanna**, YN3, **R. Shearer**, EMFN, **R. L. Whitley**, TM2, **M. Platt**, HN, **G. A. Zilch**, HN, **A. Aguirre**, HN, **A. Ridenour**, BM3, **C. W. Riffle**, BT2, and **LT H. C. Barton**, ward doctor.

**People.** **Jose Delgado**, SD1, patient on Ward 46B, has turned out to be an entertainment asset, not only on his own ward, but on other wards as well. Delgado owns some superior 16 mm. movie equipment, projector and soundbox, and the Red Cross is providing him with special film to liven dull moments for his fellow patients.

We mentioned chess last week, and it seems that **Reuben W. Berg**, SN, Ward 42A, is exposing all of his fellow patients to the "game of games."

Berg bought a really beautiful chess set in San Francisco's Chinatown and has already taught several other patients the rudiments of the game.

**Charles H. McGlasson**, a Spanish-American war veteran on Ward 62B celebrated his 89th birthday the other day. Another remarkable thing about Mr. McGlasson is his watch. It's 75 years old and has never been in the repair shop! That's one for Ripley!

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-seven births were recorded in O. Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period February 27 to March 5 inclusive. Statistics follow:

### February 27

**HOLYBEE**, Kenneth Walter—To wife of Walter J. Holybee, AA, 7 pounds.

### February 28

**STRAWN**, Charles Erwin—To wife of Erwin E. Strawn, DN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

**AUSIELLO**, Glenn—To wife of Frank Ausiello, YNC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

**BOLTON**, (Girl)—To wife of A. G. Bolton, RD3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

**BURRIOS**, Delbert Ellsworth, Jr.—To wife of D. E. Burrios, AD1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

**FENN**, Steven Richard—To wife of Richard W. Fenn, ENS, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

**GAGE**, Cynthia Annette—To wife of Rex A. Gage, LT, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

**LAVENDER**, (Boy)—To wife of William G. Lavender, AL3, 6 pounds.

### March 1

**GRIGGS**, Roger Edward—To wife of Robert E. Griggs, Jr., 8 pounds.

**DAROUZE**, (Boy)—To wife of Manuel J. Darouze, ME1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

**DE VORSE**, Patrick Robin—To wife of Orville E. De Vorse, PFC, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

**HENDERSON**, Rena Suzanne—To wife of James W. Henderson, SN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

**MAUPIN**, (Boy)—To wife of Frederick A. Maupin, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

### March 2

**WOLF**, Don Lee, Jr.—To wife of D. L. Wolf, AM3, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

**CRIVARO**, Candice Marie—To wife of Anthony R. Crivaro, GMC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

**HOPPER**, Kirk Douglas—To wife of Maurice B. Hopper, AD1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

**WASHICKO**, Marylyn Kary—To wife of John Washicko, BTC, 8 pounds 4½ ounces.

### March 3

**HAID**, Teresa Louise—To wife of Charles Haid, ET3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

**PATTERSON**, Victoria Ann—To wife of Cecil Patterson, AN, 6 pounds, 11½ ounces.

### March 4

**COGAN**, Kathleen Sandra—To wife of Morris S. Cogan, RM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

**SLIWOSKI**, Patricia Ann—To wife of Adam J. Slivoski, ENC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

**GWYNNE**, Susan Claire—To wife of Shriver G. Gwynne, Jr., PACT, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

**WILSON**, Christina Ruth—To wife of Tracy Wilson, AD2, 7 pounds, 4½ ounces.

**KENNELLY**, Robert Charles—To wife of Francis Kennelly, ENFA, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

**HAYES**, Patricia Karen—To wife of Richard E. Hayes, HN, 9 pounds, 13 ounces.

### March 5

**ANYZEK**, Alfred Joseph, Jr.—To wife of A. J. Anyzek, BM1, 7 pounds.

**WAJDOWICZ**, Sharon Ann—To wife of Victor Wajdowicz, CS3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

**Articles Wanted By BuMed**

Medical officers are urged by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to prepare articles of professional interest for submission to the U. S. Naval Medical Bulletin for publication.

Civilian Consultants to U. S. Naval Hospitals are also invited to participate in preparing articles for the Medical Department Bulletin.

All articles must be typewritten and double spaced. They must be forwarded to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery via the Medical Officer in Command.

Detective: "So you're looking for your cashier? Is he tall or short?"

Broker: "Both."



## Grandfather Is New Rank For Capt. Gillett, Young

Cynthia Stuart Carlisle is the reason Captain R. M. Gillett is smiling proudly and receiving congratulations this week. The little girl—the Executive Officer's first grandchild—weighed 6 pounds, 13½ ounces when she arrived at the Out-Patient Department on March 7. Both Cynthia and her mother, Dorothy, are doing nicely. "Grandfather Gillett" reports. At Quarters "B", eagerly awaiting their homecoming are the baby's grandmother and her 14-year-old Uncle Bob. Her father, Ensign C. S. Carlisle, USN, is now serving aboard the destroyer, USS WILT-SIE.

"But you should see my grandson—he's a month old," Captain H. G. Young added after delivering appropriate greetings to the Exec. The Chief of Surgery's first grandchild, Robert Anthony, was welcomed aboard on February 12. His parents are LTJG Ray A. and Claire Henn. Dr. Henn, former staff member, received the news aboard the transport GENERAL MANN, on which he is now serving as medical officer.



Any of you who desire to read the new books listed below, either phone or call at the library.

THE LIFE OF SCIENCE, essays by George Sarton. YOUR CREATIVE POWER, by Alex Osborn—how to use your imagination. THE ROAD TO REASON, by Pierre Lecomte du Louy—a distinguished scientist's opinions towards his final beliefs set forth in the later-written, but earlier published "Human Destiny." THE WEST AT BAY, by Barbara Ward—distinguished assistant editor of the London ECONOMIST studies and analyzes the present European crisis. Three new photographic books—PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE, by Hugo van Wadenoyen. A GUIDE TO PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTROL, by Townsend Godsey, and COMPLETE INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY, by J. Harris Gable.

And here are a few of the recent novels: REMEMBRANCE ROCK, by Carl Sandburg (the great poet's long historical novel of America); THE EARTH AND EAGLE, by Anya Seton (a stirring novel of one woman and her family and home in Marblehead, Mass.); FLASHING SPIKES, by Frank O'Rourke (a good baseball story); FOR US, THE LIVING, by Raakon Chevallier (the struggle between capital and labor in California depicted during a twelve year period it took to solve a murder); THE BIG BARBECUE, by Dorothy Hughes (a light froth, but brisk and amusing); THRONE OF THE WORLD, by Louis de Wohl (an inspiring novel of the force of Christianity in the days of Attila, king of the Huns); A CALF FOR VENUS, by Norah Lofts (the scene of this romantic novel is England in the early 1800's).

## Forrestal Orders High Priority On New Medical Plan

Washington (AFPS)—Study of a unified plan of medical service for the Armed Forces has been ordered by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal as a matter of "high priority."

Mr. Forrestal gave the job to the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee which he appointed last December. The Committee is headed by Charles P. Cooper, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

The Committee was asked to consider what unified organization of all medical services would be the most economical in terms of money, medical manpower and facilities.

The Defense Secretary said he hoped the studies will result "in material reduction of our overall requirements for medical personnel and facilities and will enable us to provide the highest standard of medical care for personnel in the Service."

Medical services for the Armed Forces, especially recruiting of doctors, has been a major problem; and the Military Establishment is currently engaged in enrolling physicians and dentists for the three Services.

## Welcome and Farewell

Personnel transferred to other ships and stations during the past week included R. M. Oswald, HMC, and L. H. Bowser, HMC, to Com-17 for assignment; C. Moore, Jr., HMC, to U.S.S. Toledo (CA-133); L. J. Henney, HMC, to First Marine Division, FMF; E. H. Brown, HMC, to Com-ServPac for assignment; C. B. Gordon, HMC, to U.S.S. Merrimack (AC-37); E. E. Aveolor, HMC, to Com-12 for assignment; E. L. Wasser, HM1, to U.S.N.H., Philadelphia, Penna.; C. A. Conway, DT3, to Naval Dental School, Bethesda; R. J. Wells, HA, to N.A.S., Alameda; T. B. Jordan, HM3, to Navy Shipyard, San Francisco; H. N. Hampton, HM3, and HAs B. J. Auston, B. J. Darby, R. I. Mozer, S. D. Tate, Jr., and W. D. Wallin, to First Marine Division, FMF.

Personnel reporting aboard for duty were LT C. K. Holloway, MCR, USNR, from inactive duty status; LT Ima O. Cudd, NC, from Dispensary, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; ENS Eleanore C. Culler, NC, and ENS Margaret A. Robinson, NC, from U.S.N.H., Bethesda; E. E. Avelor, HMC, from Naval Training Center, San Diego; F. G. Shields, HMC, from U.S.S. Turner; J. B. Saylor, DA, from Naval Training Center, San Diego; and L. H. Smith, HN, from U.S.N.H., Corona for course of instruction in X-ray.

### NOTICE

A lady's Benrus wrist watch was lost between the Main Gate and Ship's Service. This watch has a great sentimental value to its owner and a liberal reward is offered for its return. Finder please phone LA 3-6138 evenings after 1700.

## Who's Who On The Compound

Sea stories dating back to 1931 can be related with authenticity by B. F. Wilson, HMC, for it was in that year he began his first cruise in the Navy. Following his initial discharge, Wilson's Naval career was interrupted for eleven years during which time he earned his livelihood as a civilian.

Enlisting again in 1942, the chief saw service with the Armed Guard Pacific, and with the Military Government in the invasion of Okinawa. He reported to Oak Knoll from Portsmouth, Virginia, in September 1948, and at present is assigned to the Maintenance Office.

Track was the chief's sport of choice during earlier years, and his prowess on the cinder path is attested to by his victory in the mile race in the 1932 Army and Navy track meet at San Diego.

Wilson now leans toward aviation. He holds a private pilot's license and expects to receive his commercial pilot's license after completion of six more hours of flight training.



Enerd W. Forsell has been a Veterans Administration contact representative at Oak Knoll since November 3, 1948.

Following his discharge from the Army, where he saw service in the South Atlantic and Brazil as a meteorologist, Forsell was employed by VA and worked as contact representative at various offices, separation centers, and hospitals in the Bay Area. Prior to coming here, he was traveling representative, making trips to Yosemite, Shoemaker, Sacramento, and Camp Beale.

A bachelor and native of Berkeley, where he still makes his home, Forsell's schedule permits him an occasional game of golf which is his hobby.



After disbursing Navy funds to Navy personnel at Oak Knoll for two years, LT Brandon D. Rosser, Supply Corps, USN, will soon be transferred to duty at the Island Trading Company, Guam, M. I.

Mr. Rosser is a native of Alabama; he enlisted in the Navy in Kansas City, Missouri; and at present he and his wife Isabelle make their home at Santa Cruz Island Village.

As of next November 5 the Paymaster will have completed 29 years of active duty with the Navy. His change from rate to rank came in 1943 when he was commissioned Pay Clerk while serving at the Naval Air Station, Bermuda. A year later, he was advanced to LTJG. In addition to the Bermuda billet, his wartime assignments were aboard the USS Chikaskia (AO-54) and the USS Missoula (APA-211). He reported to Oak Knoll on April 11, 1947, from the USS Cowpens (CVL-25).



While ENS Helen L. Gunther, NC, USN, was seeing the world, she joined the Navy.

After graduating from the Passavant Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Jacksonville, Illinois (her native state), in June 1945, Miss Gunther studied orthopedic nursing at the University of Illinois in Chicago for a year. She then accepted an opportunity to visit Hawaii by becoming a member of the nursing staff at Leahi Tuberculosis Sanitarium in the islands. And it was at Pearl Harbor that she accepted her commission in the Navy Nurse Corps in May 1947. Receiving orders to report to Oak Knoll, Miss Gunther arrived here the following month. She is currently assigned to night duty in OPD's delivery room.

Skating, bowling, and photography are her hobbies.



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## Sportin' Around

By Armed Forces Press Service

For years now, the popular theory in major league baseball circles has been to win a pennant, you've got to buy one.

All well and good, but a study of the records and experiences of at least one major league club, explodes this popular myth.

Take the Boston Red Sox. In old "beantown" the faithful had been begging and praying for a flag for many long years. The situation never seemed to improve. Into the picture with the remedy stepped Mr. Thomas Yawkey, a millionaire with cash to spare.

After the baseball bug became firmly imbedded in Tom's mind and spirit, things began to pop. First, Mr. Yawkey let it be known the sky was the limit as long as Boston was provided with a pennant. The Yawkey millions were at the ball club's disposal for the purpose of buying the best players in the land.

At the time there was a monopoly on the American League championship held by a team called the New York Yankees. This was the team to beat and so the "shopping around" began.

From the Washington Senators came youthful and popular Joe Cronin to fill the gap at shortstop and serve as manager of the newly nicknamed "Gold Sox." Cronin, of course, was very happy about the whole arrangement and no doubt would have remained so had not a few minor details cropped up. He'd gladly play shortstop—but what about the other eight positions? This deduction forced a subsequent mission of mercy to Tom Yawkey.

Tom assured his youthful manager that the money was available and that he'd spare nothing to get some top-flight players.

Waving his bankroll first at Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, Tom came up with some of the greatest "name" players in the biz. It must have broken Connie's heart to give up his stars, but Mr. Yawkey's cash looked mighty good to the financially embarrassed A's.

So as the money jingled in Mr. Mack's cash register, players like

## Hair-do Does Wonders For Margo's Morale

There's nothing like a new hair-do to perk up a young lady's morale. Just ask Margo Johnston, Ward 72B.

Young Margo, aged seven and a half, has been hospitalized for almost two years, and recently when she was feeling a bit low, Dr. Kurzrok had an idea. With her parent's permission he asked Red Cross Gray Ladies Mrs. Tom Chapman and Mrs. Don Blessing to give his patient a permanent. They soon reported with all the necessary items including a dryer. It took some neat timing to do the job because the little girl had to go through her daily medical routine while the wave progressed from shampoo to final combing. Today Margo, with lovely curls and becoming hair ribbon, is feeling fine.

Jimmy Foxx, Eric McNair, Roger "Doc" Cramer and Billy Werber packed their baggage for the trip to Boston.

It wasn't long before staid Bostonians were mumbling all sorts of things about the new Red Sox and their million dollar team. Surely now, the flag would fly in Fenway Park.

Yes, things looked good after all those lean years. What an infield. Foxx on first—Jimmy of the powerful wrists who could knock a baseball as far as anyone in the national pastime. McNair at the keystone—a smooth double-play man to team with perfectionist Cronin at short. Werber on the hot corner—Billy, known as the fastest man in baseball and a great team player in the clutch.

Now it was owner Yawkey's turn to sit back and wait. He had the players, now for the pennant. But due to some strange quirk of baseball, nothing happened. Field boss Cronin explained it as a matter of "getting used to each other's style."

With the collapse of this "spending to win" theory, owners began to wonder just what it did take to win. For one thing—they had learned you can't buy a pennant.

Two ways to turn a man's head are to rustle money or a skirt.

## P&A Upsets Strong Laboratory Keglers

Bowling league standings still remain much of a mystery this week as a result of Central Supply's dropping from the league. The scores of previous league matches were also found to have been erroneously kept by a former bowling alley employee.

It is expected that official league standings will be announced in time to publish them in next week's issue of the Oak Leaf.

However, league play continues, and in matches rolled last week, heretofore weak Property and Accounting mowed down Goliath Laboratory taking three of the match's four points. Dental, bowling against Nurses, came out on the long end of a 3-1 count; and X-ray dropped four points to the Married Chiefs.

Honors for high scores during the week's play fell to the Married Chiefs. Their team total pin-fall of 2,233, without handicap, was tops. Team member, Chief Bowser, won individual honors with high single, 187, and high three game total of 521. Chief Campbell, also of the Married CPOs was second high man of the week with a 487 triple.

## WASHINGTON HI-LITES

In a letter to Secretary of Defense Forrestal, dated 5 March, President Truman proposed that all military pay be taxed, and that members of the armed forces contribute to their own retirement.

The recommendation was read to the House Armed Services Committee last week as the committee resumed hearings on a bill to raise military pay generally and overhaul the retirement system.

The bill would raise service pay an average of 14 per cent. Individual raises would range from about 3 per cent for the sixth enlisted grade to almost 50 per cent for generals and admirals.

## Movie Schedule

Sunday, 13 March

COVER UP

Wm. Bendix—Dennis O'Keefe  
Mississippi Hare  
News

Monday, 14 March

MY BROTHER TALKS TO HORSES

Peter Lawford—Betty Tyler  
Mouse in the House

Tuesday, 15 March

DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS

Richard Widmark—L. Barrymore

Wednesday, 16 March

MISS MINK OF 1949

Jimmy Lydon—Lois Collier  
Tanning the Cat

Thursday, 17 March

NO MINOR VICES

Dana Andrews—Lilli Palmer  
Annie Was a Wonder

Friday, 18 March

LITTLE WOMEN

June Allyson—M. O'Brien  
News

Saturday, 19 March

BRUTE FORCE

Burt Lancaster  
Pelican Pranks

## Revised Bowling League Schedule

Effective 16 March, the hospital bowling league will be governed by the schedule of play printed below:

Team	Captain
1. Married Chiefs.....	HMC Campbell
2. Nurses .....	Miss Eastin
3. Property and Accounting.....	HMC Buvid
4. CPO Quarters .....	HMC Austin
6. Pharmacy .....	HM3 Welch
7. Laboratory .....	HMC Brandon
8. Dental .....	DTC Owen
9. X-Ray .....	HM2 Gass
10. O.P.D. ....	HA Gamble

March 16—8 and 3—7 and 4  
17—2 and 4—10 and 1  
18—9 and 2  
23—9 and 10—1 and 8  
24—2 and 7—3 and 6  
25—4 and 9  
30—4 and 6—8 and 9  
31—10 and 4—2 and 6

April 1—7 and 1  
6—8 and 10—1 and 6

April 7—8 and 2—7 and 3  
8—3 and 4  
13—8 and 7—1 and 2  
14—6 and 10—3 and 9  
15—4 and 8  
20—10 and 7—9 and 1  
21—6 and 8—2 and 3  
22—4 and 1—9 and 7  
27—9 and 6—1 and 3  
28—2 and 10—6 and 7  
29—10 and 3



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## President Approves Pay Bill; Directs Slash In Total Cost

The President in a letter to Secretary of Defense James Forrestal last week gave "general" approval to the new Pay Bill for increased compensation for the Uniformed Services, but directed that the bill be revised to bring the cost down to budget requirements.

The Bureau of the Budget in a preliminary study estimated that the increases proposed in the bill would cost approximately \$590,000,000, whereas the President in his Budget Message earmarked \$400,000,000 for this purpose. This would mean that the revised bill would have to provide for a reduction of some \$190,000,000, or nearly one-third.

### Alternatives Suggested

In his letter to the Defense Secretary the President suggested two alternative methods of cutting the cost, either of which would produce a substantial reduction. The first suggestion was that the gross pay scales be made fully taxable, which would mean that service personnel would pay Federal income taxes on rental and subsistence allowances, as well as on base pay and longevity as at present. The President observed that the additional tax revenue, in this instance, could be considered as an offset to reduce the gross cost of the bill.

The other alternative suggested by the Chief Executive would be to place the military retirement system on a six per cent contributory basis, similar to that of the classified employees of the government. He thought that such a step should be coupled with a modification of the retirement system to provide survivor benefits. The amounts of the various benefits, he felt, should be adjusted so as not to absorb completely the revenue received from contributions. The President also recommended the inclusion of a savings provision to prevent any reduction in compensation from that received prior to the recent expiration of tax exemptions.

### Proposals Being Studied

The President's letter was placed before the subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee now considering the bill. The members are studying the effect of the alternate proposals. From the comment of the members it would seem that there is no certainty that either could be adopted. The recommendations are considered not as decisions, but rather as suggestions, which do not rule out other methods of providing the saving on which the President is insistent.

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## Hostesses Help Patients Fete St. Patrick



Shamrocks and streamers decorated the Red Cross Lounge when two dances were held this week in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Mills College girls were the hostesses. O. D. Jones, MM3, Ward 64B, planned and supervised the decorations.

## Admiral? Captain? What Goes On Here?

People not familiar with Naval procedure and etiquette often depart from Naval stations quite bewildered by their contact with salt-tinged tars.

Witness the case of a woman patient who visited the hospital recently and came under the care of Dr. Hirshland whose uniform bore the three full stripes of a commander.

The patient's nervous state was heightened considerably when members of the department's staff dropped into the doctor's office during the interview and addressed him as "Captain" because they knew he is awaiting Senate confirmation of his selection for promotion.

With the belief that the patient's condition warranted the attention of the MOinC, he called Captain Broadus, who has been selected for promotion to Rear Admiral. He appeared and the staff did him the courtesy of addressing him as "Admiral."

### O' Wives Greet Newcomers

Three new members were welcomed to membership in the Officers' Wives' Club when the group met on March 9. They were Mrs. Virgil R. Alrola, Mrs. Dale E. Hudson, and Mrs. Charles K. Holloway.

A short business meeting conducted by Mrs. Kenneth Vinnedge, president, preceded the luncheon, which was held at the Commissioned Officers' Club, Naval Air Station, Alameda.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. C. R. Carr, Mrs. E. J. Madden, Mrs. B. L. Crue, Jr., and Mrs. Clarence Harvey.

The appearance in the room of a four-striper who was called "Admiral," plus a commander whom the staff recognized as "Captain," proved too much for the patient to assimilate—with the result that she was thrown completely off balance.

Weeks later, after her condition had greatly improved, the lady telephoned the captain.

"This is Captain Broadus," he answered.

"You mean to tell me that you are a captain and not an admiral?" the former patient asked in amazement.

"That's right."

"I knew it," the lady said triumphantly, "the same thing happened when I called Dr. Hirshland's office. It shouldn't have been I that spent those weeks repairing my nerves; it should have been your three-stripe captains and four-stripe admirals."

### Stamp Substitute

Omaha, Neb. (SEA)—What with 27 different special three-cent stamps having been issued during the year, postal authorities were not too surprised to discover a letter had come through the mails from Seattle, Wash., with no "postage" other than a Christmas seal affixed.

The assumption that it had been posted as a gag or test case by a prankster was dispelled by the addressee who informed officials that the letter had come from a highly respected and retired missionary friend.

## Bay Area Artists To Entertain Here Night Of March 23

Songs, dances, and other specialty numbers will be presented on the Oak Knoll stage at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, March 23, when Edna Saake presents her monthly show for hospital patients and staff.

A popular foursome known as the Jr. MacKetts will present a group of numbers employing piano, violin, marimba, and accordion. Rae Baker and her Hula Lovelies will appear in Hawaii-inspired dances, and Betty Peel will do a cape dance and a tricky number called "Puttin on the Ritz."

Jean Stuart, contralto, and Lillian Gale, soprano, are sure to make a hit with their vocal numbers, as are Marge Mello, pantomime impressionist; and Richard Tinn, vibraharpist; the Cobelt Sisters, acrobats and tap dancers; Barbara Thomas, boogie tap dancer; and Louise Calloe, pianist.

Agnes Hymes will act as accompanist for the show.

## Current Red Cross Drive To Date Nets Over \$500

Oak Knoll's contributions to the American Red Cross drive now in progress totaled \$504.30 Wednesday when the intake was tallied by LCDR Robert F. McComas, ChC, USN, chairman of the drive at this station.

Of the groups reporting, Civilian Employees stood highest with a total of \$150. However, Medical Officers of the staff, with a much smaller group, had turned in \$148; and Red Cross personnel, with still fewer workers had given \$146.50. Officers of other corps, including Medical Service, Chaplain, Supply, Waves, and Warrant Officers had given \$24, and enlisted patients had contributed \$35.80.

Three groups—Navy Nurse Corps, Dental Corps, and Enlisted staff had not reported when the paper went to press.

The organized drive at this station will close Tuesday, March 22, but contributions will be accepted at the Chaplain's Office throughout the month of March.

### Captain Abernethy Passes Board

Congratulations to Captain Alton C. Abernethy, MC, USN, are in order. This week he received word that he has been certified by the American Board of Urology, having successfully passed the board examinations in Chicago on February 15.

Dr. Abernethy has served as Head of the Urology Department at Oak Knoll since June 5, 1946.



# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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## Make An Appointment—With Yourself

Have you ever watched people walking around on the station? Some of them rush along as if they had an appointment somewhere and everything depended upon their being "on deck, on time." Others slouch along looking as though they would be lucky to make it to their destination. It is a familiar scene, and most of us don't give it much thought, but it is more than just scores of fellow workers. They are all individuals and the way they move and carry themselves reflects in a large measure what they are, and what they think about life in general and themselves in particular.

A biographer once said this about George Bernard Shaw: "Whether in the streets of London or the hills of Malvern, he always walked as though he had an appointment with himself and might be late for it." We all know people like this. They will never be arrested for loitering. They would be a good advertisement for rubber heels. It might even aggravate us some times when we are tired and try to keep up with them. Perhaps we find ourselves wishing we had their vitality and spirit. We can all have an appointment with ourselves. Why not make one? We make them with everyone else, and working for the Navy we know how expedient it is to keep them. Yet, how many of us make an appointment with ourselves. I am not advocating self-centeredness. I don't mean that we should so put ourselves first that nothing else counts. Unselfishness is an important and commendable virtue, but one's first duty to the world is to make the most possible of himself. That means making a real appointment with ourselves. A person who is successful, happy, and particularly well adjusted to life in all ups and downs is a person who has given enough painful attention to himself to learn to do things well.

Make an appointment with yourself—with all your potential powers and not with just one part. That means ultimately, to make an appointment with God who gave you all your powers, for He has a purpose for your life. You are part of Him and He is part of you. If you look at your life in the light of your potential powers and His purpose, every minute at work and play will seem so valuable that no minute can afford to be completely wasted. You will find yourself eager to make the most of your time, and you, too, will be walking as though you had an appointment with yourself.

—ROBERT F. McCOMAS, Protestant Chaplain

## Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—  
Divine Service .....1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

It happens here—often! Pfc. "Joe Doakes" was stunned. He knew Dad hadn't been feeling well, but this letter from Mom said he was much worse. Thoughts exploded in Joe's mind like shrapnel: "Dad . . . asking for you . . . please come." More thoughts hit Joe: "My first day out of the cast—can I travel?—no money—pay records fouled up—need \$100—the folks can't spare it." At Joe's request, his Red Cross social worker went to the ward to see him. Joe, the ward medical officer, and the worker talked it over. The ward medical officer said Joe could travel if absolutely necessary. It would be better to wait another week for Joe's leg to gain strength, and he suggested that the Red Cross get a report from the father's doctor.

The social worker wired the Red Cross Chapter in Joe's home town, asking for a description of the father's condition. The reply indicated Joe should come at once. This information was given to the ward medical officer, and the Navy gave Joe an emergency leave. The Red Cross supplied a loan covering round trip railroad fare and meals while traveling. A wire to the home Red Cross told the family that Joe was on the way.

Joe planned to repay the loan in rather large regular payments. Later he felt he also had to help his mother temporarily with her increased expenses. Joe talked this over with his Red Cross worker. A new repayment plan was worked out to meet his financial obligations and smaller payments allotted from his pay. Eventually Joe repaid the loan in full without interest, and the money was ready to help in someone else's emergency.

**Buona Mangare!** Dietician LT Lucille Clark, MSC, had a slight problem in that her patient **Jim Alesiana**, Veteran, 46B, was due to return to his home but needed to continue his complicated diet for complete recovery. Red Cross recreation worker B. Thompson located another patient **Joseph Stoppani**, Veteran, 62A, who was happy to assist in translating the diet into Italian so that there would be no mistakes. Mr. Stoppani, originally from Rome, Italy, did a most creditable job with the translation and even consulted a chef friend in San Francisco to check on the finer points.

**Of Interest.** A hospital story in the Oakland Tribune brought an unsolicited invitation from **Nydyne Snow Latham** for Oak Knoll patients to visit the Snow Museum on Lake Merritt, Oakland. Mrs. Latham is the daughter of the famous African explorer Sidney Snow and she is at present curator of the "million dollar collection." It is planned to take small groups of patients with the help of Red Cross Motor Service for short tours of this interesting collection.

**For Bowling Fans**, next Monday night in the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, some fascinating movies of bowling techniques and trick shots will be shown. Time, 1900. Mr. H. Wanless, owner of a large bowling alley in Alameda will be the guest. He is showing movies on "Bowling Champions," and "Trick Bowling,"

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-three births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out Patient Department during the period March 6 to 12, inclusive. Statistics follow:

### March 6

WERSTLER, Sherron Ann — To wife of LeRoy Werstler, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

CODY, Sandra Lynn — To wife of Robert E. Cody, BT2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

KALISCH, Nancy Jo — To wife of Clyde E. Kalisch, YN3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

WILSON, Beverly Jean — To wife of Clyde Wilson, YN2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

MERCER, William Arthur — To wife of Richard Mercer, BM2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

### March 7

KIRKBRIDE, Carol Jean — To wife of Lowell Kirkbride, BM2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

CARLISLE, Cynthia Stuart — To wife of Charles S. Carlisle, ENS, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

SUTTON, Barren Lee — To wife of Kenneth L. Sutton, AD1, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

CLARK, Linda Susan — To wife of Elmer D. Clark, SA, 4 pounds, 6 ounces.

### March 8

HIGDON, Mark Wayne — To wife of W. ten Higdon, AKC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

FROST, Patrick — To wife of Ira C. Frost, ONC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

GREENE, Ronald Gary — To wife of William H. Greene, EN3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

ANDERSON, Patricia Kathleen — To wife of Andrew J. Anderson, LTJG(Ret.), 8 pounds.

NELSON, Kip Edwin — To wife of Paul W. Nelson, SN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

STANPHILL, Sheila Marie — To wife of Carl L. Stanphill, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

WILLIAMSON, Lynn Arthur — To wife of Louis W. Williamson, RMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

PAUL, (Boy) — To wife of Arnold Paul, AM3, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.

HENDERSON, Jeffrey Lynn — To wife of William R. Henderson, CSC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

### March 9

THOMAS, (Girl) — To wife of Donald C. Thomas, CSC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

MOORHEAD, Kenneth Ray — To wife of Kenneth H. Moorhead, SR, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

HORN, (Girl) — To wife of William E. Horn, T/SGT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

HAWKINS, Joyce Annette — To wife of Carl V. Hawkins, EMFN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

OUTLAW, Linda Layna — To wife of Willie Outlaw, SD2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

### March 10

PHILLIPS, Carolyn Irene — To wife of Stencil D. Phillips, SN, 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

BAUMANN, James Barry — To wife of We'le Baumann, LT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

CLANTON, Peggy Ann — To wife of Ezekiel Clanton, Jr., BM2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

FRASER, Richard Stanley — To wife of Charles F. Fraser, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

### March 11

NELSEN, Kristofer Allen — To wife of Everett O. Nelsen, ADC, 8 pounds.

### March 12

GREGORY, Cynthia Elizabeth — To wife of Kenneth R. Gregory, SK2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

HILMER, Robert Louis — To wife of Frederick L. Hilmer, AM1, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

HATTON, Margaret Irene — To wife of Bryce T. Hatton, DC2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

ELLIOTT, (Boy) — To wife of Bruce G. Elliott, BMC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

HOPSON, (Boy) — To wife of Edward Hopson, TN, 7 pounds.

## Now You See It— —Now You Don't

**Sydney, Australia (AFPSL)**—Harry Graham, of this city, left his bicycle in front of a tavern and took a street-car home.

When Mr. Graham got home the little woman reminded him that he had forgotten his bike. Mr. G. thought it would be gone.

"Tell you what I'll do," he said, "if it's still there, I'll put 10 shillings in the poorbox at the church."

The bicycle was still there.

Mr. G. hopped aboard and pedaled off to the church to contribute the 10 shillings.

When he came out the bike was gone.

followed by a discussion of bowling techniques and answering of questions from the patients. He is an authority on bowling and a champion bowler in his own right.



# Who's Who On The Compound



The orthopedic wards will lose a familiar figure when LTJG Edwin P. Woodward, MC, USN, is detached at month. Dr. Woodward arrived at Oak Knoll in April 1948 for residency type training in orthopedic surgery, and is now under orders to report to Naval Operating Base, Sausalito. His wife Jean is expecting to accompany him there.

A graduate of the University of Texas and Tulane University School of Medicine, the native Texan received his MD in May 1946. Following his internship at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La., the young doctor was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Medical Corps and assigned to N.A.S., San Diego. After a short tour in N.A.S., El Centro, he returned to San Diego and then reported here.

Whenever possible, Dr. Woodward keeps in trim by playing tennis.



William D. Huston, DT3, saw part of the world from the inboard side of a porthole before joining the Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois, in August 1945. During the war he served in the Maritime Service for a year, making trips to North Africa and Italy.

The native of Winkle, Illinois, now works as a prosthetic technician in the hospital's Dental Department and his future plans include applying for the course in Ocular Prosthetics at the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland. He reported to Oak Knoll from Mare Island Navy Shipyard in October 1947.

Carving models and working in plastics are Huston's main hobbies. For keeping in shape he bowls, plays golf, and swims.

ENS Theresa M. Canjuga accepted her commission in the Navy Nurse Corps at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in May 1948. After serving for seven months at Great Lakes, she was detached and reported to Oak Knoll 8 February 1949. At present she is on night duty on Ward 73B.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Canjuga is a graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Hamilton, Ohio. Following her graduation, she was a member of that hospital's nursing staff, serving on a surgical ward. She also saw service as a private nurse prior to entering the Navy.

Reading and music are Miss Canjuga's preferred indoor diversions; while swimming, tennis, and horseback riding are included in her outdoor activities.



Although Henry J. Preston, Sr., Public Works' head machinist, never joined the Navy, there are very few shores in the world that he hasn't set foot on.

Born in New York City, his traveling began in 1910, and his first trip was to California. Since that time, Mr. Preston has crossed the continent ten times, working as a machinist in cities on both coasts and in the Midwest. As deck engineer in the Merchant Marine, there was scarcely a port in the vast Pacific that he didn't stop at; and riding out a Pacific typhoon in 1932 remains a vivid experience in Preston's memory.

The machinist and his wife Mary now live in East Oakland, where his three grown sons visit frequently, affording Mr. Preston the opportunity to participate in his favorite recreational activity—playing baseball with his grandchildren.



## Pay Bill Must Meet Budget Demands

(Continued from page 1)

At the request of the Committee, the Office of the Secretary of Defense on March 10 made provisional estimates on the revenue to be derived if either of the President's suggestions were adopted. The additional annual revenue to be derived from the recent removal of tax exemptions on the pay currently received is estimated at \$130 million. If the rates of pay were increased by the amounts specified in the new Pay Bill another \$70 million would be added, making a total of \$200 million.

### Allowances Tax

The taxation of allowances would produce \$51 million each year from officers and warrant officers and \$73 million from enlisted men of the top three pay grades.

Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist, USA, called attention, however, to "at least three off-sets to the tax recovery of the \$124,000,000 which the President would permit in arriving at the net cost of the Bill. These would in fact reduce the savings suggested." The three offsets suggested by General Dahlquist, Deputy Chief, Personnel and Administration, were:

"(1) The cost of allowances included in gross pay for officers and men without qualified dependents who would not receive the higher allowances under the Hook program. This would amount to \$100,000,000.

"(2) The cost of drill and other inactive duty training pay for reservists, since these are now paid daily rates exclusive of allowances. No cost data is available yet on this plan alternatively. This proposal might require a change in method of payment for reservists.

"(3) The cost of retired pay and benefits, since these are now computed on pay exclusive of allowances, no cost addition is available yet on this item. Alternately, this proposal would require a change in the formula for such pay and benefits and possible adoption of dual formulas."

If the six per cent contributory feature for retirement and survivor benefits were put into effect the take home pay of the Uniformed Services would be reduced annually by \$182 million, based on the schedules recommended by the Hook Commission. A service committee which studied the compensation problem a

## Welcome and Farewell

Personnel received aboard for duty during the past week included LT Opal V. Weakley, NC, and ENS Bella M. Fritz, NC, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda; LT Estella M. Henderson, NC, from Naval Air Station, Alameda; LTJG W. H. Davis, MCR, USNR, from temporary additional duty at Naval Supply Center, Oakland; HAS D. A. Firth, J. O. Hightower, IV, H. D. Howard, G. "W" Oberlin, W. O. Porter, Jr., W. J. Reed, V. C. Summors, T. S. Vannerson, W. E. Wiley, and J. N. Canada, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

Officers transferred during the week were LTJG R. F. Hoffman, MC, USN, to U.S.S. General W. A. Mann (AP-112), and ENS Jean E. Ellis, NC, USN, to Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. No enlisted personnel were detached.

### LUMP (SUM) IN THE MATTRESS

Hays, Kan. (SEA) — A resident startled a local bank teller by presenting 10,000 dimes for an investment in real estate. Not to be overly nosy but more out of pure curiosity, the teller ventured a couple of questions only to learn to his further amazement that the depositor had been hoarding them over a period of 18 years in his mattress.

Husband (at a movie): "Why do you weep and snifle over the imaginary woes of people you don't know?"

Wife: "For the same reason you cheer when a man you don't know slides into second base."

A year ago recommended a contributory feature. However, the pay scales recommended by this committee were substantially higher than those now proposed. The Hook Board went into the question of Service contributions to a retirement and death benefit fund, but ruled the proposal out on the ground that it would be difficult and costly to administer, and the same result could be attained by taking into consideration such benefits in fixing the pay scales.

Title II, covering pay scales, is now under consideration. In general the rates contained in the bill appeared to meet with the approval of the members of the Committee.—Reprint from Army and Navy Journal of 12 March.

## CO Asks Support of ARC Drive

One time each year the American Red Cross turns to the people for help. That time is now. This month, 1 March to 31 March, is "American Red Cross Month" throughout the nation. During this period, funds are being solicited so that the Red Cross can continue to serve the public to the fullest extent during the coming year.

Here at Oak Knoll, where Red Cross workers are constantly at the service of patients and staff, we now have an opportunity to be of service to the organization they represent.

The Medical Officer in Command will be pleased if, during the few remaining days of the drive, you voluntarily give it your wholehearted support so that the Red Cross may continue its fine work here and elsewhere throughout the year 1949.

C. A. BROADBUSH,  
Rear Admiral, MC, USN,  
Medical Officer in Command



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• **Movie Schedule** •

Sunday, 20 March
<b>A WOMAN'S SECRET</b>
Maureen O'Hara — Melvyn Douglas
Tea for 200 News
Monday, 21 March
<b>THE YEARLING</b>
Gregory Peck — Jane Wyman
Tuesday, 22 March
<b>CONNECTICUT YANKEE</b>
Bing Crosby — Rhonda Fleming
Wednesday, 23 March
<b>LUCK OF THE IRISH</b>
Tyrone Power — Anne Baxter
The Magician
Thursday, 24 March
<b>THE CLAY PIGEON</b>
Bill Williams — Barbara Hale
Our Daily Bread
Friday, 25 March
<b>THE WALKING HILLS</b>
Randolph Scott — Ella Raines
Acrobatic Babies News
Saturday, 26 March
<b>MAGNIFICENT DOLL</b>
Ginger Rogers — Burgess Meredith
Jungle Gangster

**FLIES GET STUBBORN**  
San Francisco (AFPS)—University of California scientists are upset because flies are not dying like flies any more when they are sprayed with DDT. The scientists revealed that it now takes 50 times the normal dosage of DDT to kill 95 per cent of the flies sprayed.

★ ★ **Sportin' Around** ★ ★  
By Armed Forces Press Service

History is about to repeat itself in the heavyweight boxing division. Twenty years ago last August Gene Tunney announced his retirement and set off a series of elimination bouts to determine his successor. Now Joe Louis is hanging up his gloves and the scramble is on again.

The situation today is much like that of twenty years past. There are prospects for the golden crown, but like those of the late 20's these prospects look poor in comparison with the retiring champion.

Look them over, Savold, Charles, Walcott, Bivins, Woodcock, Lesne-  
vich, and Baksi are the highest rated and not one ranks near the Brown Bomber. Possibly today's title aspirants aren't in the class of those who followed Tunney. Even Max Schmeling, who won the title while flat on the canvas crying "foul," looked better than most of today's contenders.

Lee Savold and Ezzard Charles are being boomed as the logical candidates for Jolting Joe's throne. Savold, a good boxer and a puncher too, is a comeback fighter. He was in the top flight some years ago, but let himself go and slipped out of the picture. Should he wind up as top man of the current heavyweight heap, he would be billed as another Cinderella fighter such as Jim Braddock, the man from whom Louis took the title.

Charles, a stand-up boxer with a good left hand and a better than average right hand, has at least one strike on him, his weight. His best fighting poundage is around the 180 mark, giving his heavyweight opponents a good edge at the start. Louis himself rated Charles highly regardless of the latter's weight. Ezzard's big asset is his age, he's 26, only three years older than Louis was when he took Braddock, and the rest of the field averages four or more years older.

The remainder of the heavyweight hopefuls cannot be written out of the picture, Walcott, twice defeated by the Brown Bomber, still has a lot of ability and, though no youngster, should have a couple of good shots left in his system. Jimmy Bivins, with a little more work than he has been doing, could give the boys some trouble.

Gus Lesnevich, a dark horse since he passed up a bout with Charles and lost to Freddy Mills, should be able to get within shooting distance of the crown; and Joe Baksi can be dangerous if he gets down to business. England's Bruce Woodcock took a terrific beating from Baksi which puts him low on the prospect list and almost eliminates him before the eliminations begin.

More interesting to some observers than the championship race will be the struggle for control of the title. With Louis tying up with a Mid-West promotional organization and the Tournament of Champions still in the

fight for boxing business, Mike Jacobs and the Garden combine have their work cut out for them. Mike's career as a promoter tops even that of Tex Rickard, father of the "Million Dollar Gate." In the past decade and a half, the wizard of the Garden has staged in the neighborhood of 700 boxing shows in more than a dozen cities and has grossed millions of dollars. He's kept Louis under contract since Joe won the title and he'll be putting up a fight to corner the heavyweight market again. This battle may be better than the actual boxing. The name Joe Louis will be a big drawing card for the mid-western promoters, and the much publicized millionaire backers of the T. of C. can keep that group in the running. However, Jacobs has the "know-how" that may pay off in the end. The feature of the show will be Jacobs and Louis in opposing corners after being teammates for the past dozen years.

**Sports Quiz**

1. The "Longhorns" are rated one of the outstanding football teams in the nation. What is the name of the college?
2. In baseball, what is the score of a forfeited contest?
3. This basketeer was considered the greatest ever produced at Stanford. Do you remember him?
4. There are three baseball playing DiMaggios. Joe and Dom are the only two still in the majors. Name the third.
5. This sport is not a major one, but such terms as epee, foil, parry and thrust are familiar to the enthusiast. What's its name?

- ANSWERS**
1. The University of Texas.
  2. 9-0.
  3. Angelo "Hank" Luisetti.
  4. Vince DiMaggio.
  5. Fencing.

A man was consulting a psychiatrist. Among other questions, the doctor asked: "Are you troubled by improper thoughts?"

"Why no," answered the patient. "To tell the truth, doctor, I rather enjoy them."

**Laboratory Occupies Precarious Perch As Keg Loop Leader**

A prodigious task has been completed! When Central Supply keg men fell by the wayside and a personnel change in the bowling alley occurred at approximately the same time, resulting confusion as to team standings in the station Bowling league stopped just this side of chaos.

However, amateur CPAs stepped into the mess and with past record before them, added, subtracted, dis-sented and compromised, until the final glowing moment of complete agreement was reached amid echoing cries of unanimous approval by interested bystanders and the new official league standings (printed below) came into being.

A peek at the standings show Laboratory replacing Pharmacy (which was relegated to third place as the station's number one team. The Married Chiefs climbed from third to second place, one point back of the pace.

The only other significant change was Property and Accounting jumping from eighth to fifth place in the standings.

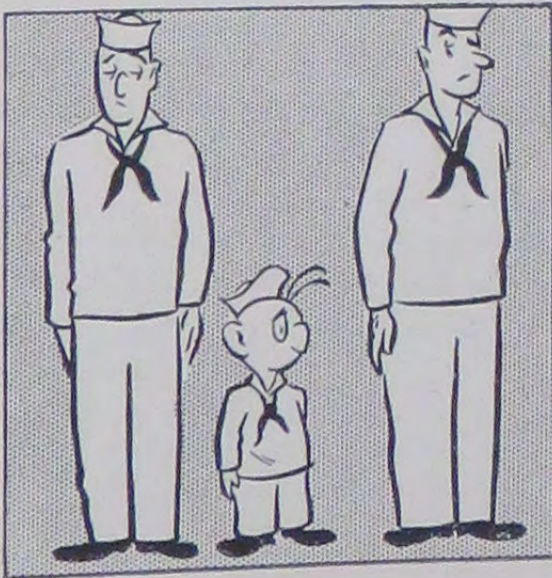
Play last week saw CPO's topple Nurses, 4-0; Laboratory down Dental, 3-1; and Property and Accounting garner four easy points when their opponents for the evening, Out-Patient Department, forfeited.

Laboratory's 2244 was high team score for the week. Individual honor went to Chief Owen of Dental, who rolled a 180, 153, and 166, for high triple of 499.

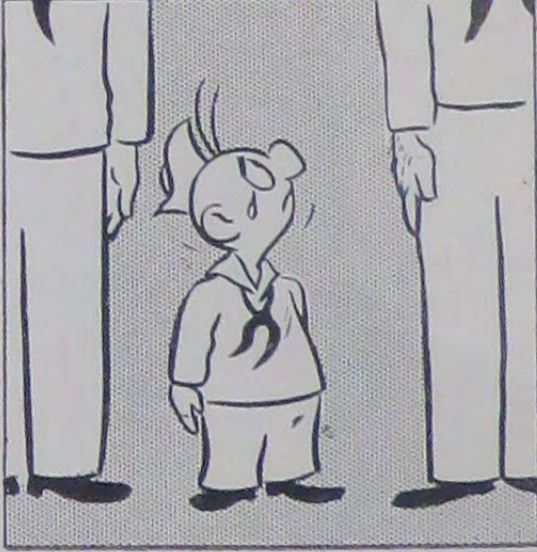
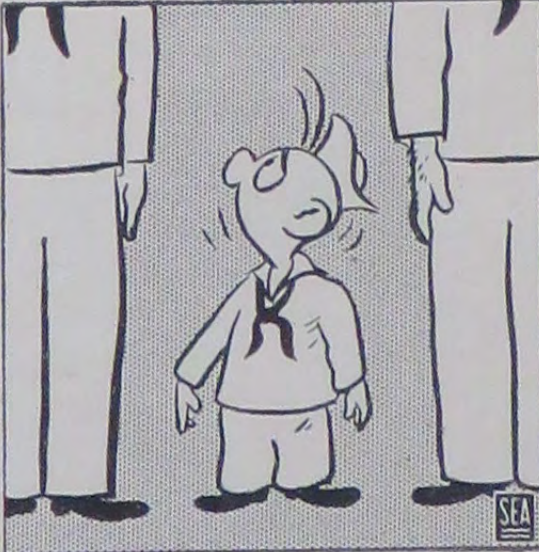
League Standings			
1. Laboratory	2		
2. Married Chiefs	2		
3. Pharmacy	2		
4. X-Ray	1		
5. Property and Accounting	1		
6. Out-Patient Department	1		
7. Dental	1		
8. CPOs	1		
9. Nurses	0		
Station league keglers who have rolled at least ten games and have established averages of 140 or more are listed below:			

Team	Games	Player	Ave.
M. CPOs	20	Boyd	16
M. CPOs	17	Amgwert	16
Lab.	23	Brandon	16
Pharm.	24	Welch	15
Dental	24	Owen	15
P&A	12	Buvid	15
M. CPOs	18	Campbell	15
X-Ray	24	Gass	15
Pharm.	21	Connell	14
Lab.	22	Newman	14
Lab.	22	Lala	14
Lab.	27	Weitz	14

**STALEMATE**



**On the Level**



**By Ed Hughes, LI3**







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## ★ ★ Smooth Sailing, Admiral ★ ★

### Armed Forces Need For Youth Stressed By Hook Commission

(This is the third and final article in a series on proposed Service pay revisions.)

The Services must be kept young, vigorous and efficient.

This is the underlying thought behind the Advisory Commission on Service Pay (Hook Commission) retirement recommendations now before Congress for legislative action.

On voluntary retirement from active Federal service of officers and warrant officers with 20 or more years of service, the Commission believes retirement should be optional at age 60.

It should be optional also to request retirement at any age after 30 years' service, subject to approval by the head of the Department concerned.

Officers and warrant officers with 20 or more years' service at the time these recommendations are enacted should have the right, for a period of five years following, to apply for retirement under present law.

Voluntary retirement for enlisted personnel with 20 or more years of service should be optional at age 50 and should be optional at any age with 30 or more years' service.

(Retirement provisions are affected by recommendations made by SecDef Forrestal when the Commission's findings were reviewed by the House Armed Services Committee.—Ed.)

On involuntary retirement for all grades, the Commission recommends:

Persons who have a total of 25 or more years of active service may elect retirement pay to begin immediately, or they may elect severance pay based on the number of years of active Federal service at the highest Federally recognized grade satisfactorily held for at least six months.

Disability retirement provisions should be the same for all personnel of all Services. The minimum degree of disability to qualify for retirement pay should be 30 per cent. Those separated for disability of less than 30 per cent should receive severance pay.

Severance pay should be made to persons separated from the Services involuntarily, but not in cases of dishonorable discharge or where the separation is for disciplinary reasons.

Discussing death benefits, the

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Rear Admiral C. A. Broaddus, MC, USN

### CO Says Goodbye, Leaves for Norfolk To Serve as DMO

The staff this week bid goodbye and good luck to Rear Admiral C. A. Broaddus, MC, USN, who has served as Medical Officer in Command of the hospital for the past two years.

Admiral and Mrs. Broaddus are now en route to their farm at Newtown, Virginia, where they will enjoy a short leave before he reports to Fifth Naval District Headquarters, Norfolk, to serve as District Medical Officer.

Although reluctant to leave Oak Knoll and their many friends here, the Broadduses are happy to be going home to Fleetwell, the family home where the Admiral was born and reared. Norfolk, 90 miles away, is also familiar ground to the Admiral since he spent ten months as Medical Officer in Command of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, now disestablished, just before reporting to Oak Knoll. Prior to that tour of duty he had served for 17 months as executive officer at the Portsmouth Hospital, over which, as District Medical Officer, he will again have supervision.

Here at Oak Knoll the indefatigable skipper has directed the hospital's many activities with thoroughness and vigor and a sympathetic understanding of the problems of the patient, the corpsman, and the staff officer. His services as an administrator will be greatly missed by the hospital and its staff, and his friendship will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him personally.

On the eve of the Admiral's departure, all hands assembled in Gendreau Circle to receive his farewell message. During the past week the Admiral's flag—two blue stars on a field of white—has flown over the Administration Building. This is probably the only time it will be officially unfurled since Naval Regulations provide that an Admiral of the staff corps shall fly his flag only when he is in command of a station.

Captain R. M. Gillett, Executive Officer, is now acting Medical Officer in Command and will serve in this dual capacity until the new CO, Captain S. S. Cook, now in command of U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, takes command.

### Armand Gerard Will Head Program March 30

Staff and patients will enjoy another evening of outstanding entertainment when Armand Gerard, popular star of the KNBC Light and Mellow show, will appear on the station auditorium stage Wednesday, 30 March at 1900.

Artists who will accompany Gerard to Oak Knoll for the show include Howard Eastwood, accompanist; Johnny Shuler, radio whistler, an East Oakland native who has appeared on Gerard's Tuesday night radio program; Dorothy Du Veau, a leading San Francisco night club dancer; and Ruth Franklin, well-known professional singer.

Arrangements for the stage show were made by Esther England, former

### Hospital Staff Donates \$900 To Red Cross Drive

LCDR Robert F. McComas, CHC, USN, this week turned over to the Red Cross a total of \$900.95—Oak Knoll's contribution to the 1949 drive for funds. Although no further soliciting will be done here, contributions will be accepted at the Chaplain's Office through March 31.

Groups donating the highest amounts were: staff doctors, \$155; Nurse Corps officers, \$126; civilian employees, \$385; patients, \$109; and Red Cross staff, \$174.

Last year, contributions to the Red Cross drive totaled \$831.

Veterans' Entertainment Committee chairman, through the station's Welfare and Recreation Office.



# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

CAPT Robert M. Gillett, MC, USN, Medical Officer in Command, (Acting).

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## Stretch That Dollar

The Armed Forces have joined the postwar economy drive by advising its members, both in and out of uniform, to stretch the defense dollar.

The lead was taken by Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal who, in his first annual report stated: "We must see that expenditures for national security yield full value; that they are made for essential projects only and that they are kept within the country's capacity to pay for them. It is imperative that the Nation's economic strength not be sapped, for our security stems largely from our economic health."

The National Military Establishment has mapped out five basic "principles of supply discipline" to effect greater economies: (1) Use of supplies and equipment for their intended purposes only. (2) Proper care, preservation and timely repair. (3) Conservation by using only the amount necessary to accomplish the desired result. (4) Safeguarding against loss. (5) Prevention of oversupply and hoarding.

The economy drive has been launched in anticipation of the record 14 billion dollars being asked for national defense for the fiscal year 1950. A Bureau of the Budget chart reveals that this sum means that 34 cents of every dollar in the 1950 budget will be spent for defense.

Direct taxes on individuals will account for 43 cents of every dollar appropriated for defense. Since members of the Armed Forces, like other American citizens, pay taxes, it is the individual serviceman or civilian who will benefit most from the economy drive.

On the basis of a 14 billion dollar defense budget for 1950, it is estimated that 33 cents of every dollar spent for defense will go towards pay and equipment, 26 cents towards upkeep and operating costs and 21 cents for new equipment. The remainder of the dollar will be divided among construction and research expenses, the cost of reserves and miscellaneous expenditures.

With most of these costs sky-rocketing, only great economies on the part of the individual serviceman and civilian will prevent the defense dollar from shrinking.

To make this possible, all servicemen and civilians are urged to apply the "dollar saved is a dollar earned" philosophy to their jobs.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Men in the service are travelers and religion is something they can take with them. After all, life is spiritual. Life's highest joys as well as its worst ills are mental and spiritual. The things that matter most and last longest are not physical or material, but spiritual. The important things—moral integrity, unselfishness, friendliness, faith and love, are spiritual. Religion promotes these things and enables us to have them regardless of where we are. Amidst the temptations and discouragements of service life, religion is a challenge to clean living, and it gives the strength to endure. Religion is a growing thing—a reaching out for that which gives peace and poise, strength and stability, comfort and completeness. Religion requires a lot of time but those who give it a regular place in their lives find that they get in rewards more than they give in time.

ROBERT F. McCOMAS, Chaplain, USN

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School ..... 1000  
Nursery ..... 1100  
Divine Service ..... 1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630  
Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Admiral, Stripes In Limelight At Party



At a welcome and farewell party held by staff officers last Saturday night the Admiral, with his new stripes, was the center of attention. Admiring his new gold braid are Dr. T. W. D. Smith, Mrs. Frank W. Cleary, and Mrs. Frank M. Thornburg. Also enjoying the festivities are Mrs. Broadus, Dr. Cleary, Captain H. G. Young, Mrs. George F. Blodgett, and Dr. Thornburg.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Scenes in the Craft Shop:** The marvelous ingenuity of man has often been noted but nowhere is it more apparent than in the Red Cross Craft Shop, Building 102. Many useful and attractive articles have been fashioned from scraps of "this n' that" by patients with imagination and care.

Specials this week are: A child's desk precisely and beautifully built with wood salvaged from old radio sets. **Bill Kuykendall**, Ward 46A, spent considerable time making this perfect desk, which will be the pride of his small daughter.

Fashioned by the skilled hands of **James Harrel**, ADC, Ward 55, is a contact printer for photographic work. It is completely equipped electrically with dodging switch momentary-contact switch, and six light sockets to supply adequate lighting for printing pictures up to 8 x 10 inch size. He even incorporated felt from an old pool table!

**Willard Rose**, SN, Ward 54, and **Barney Ross Reberro**, BTC, have each constructed a rocking horse. The team of them would take a prize at a state fair anyday! Rose made his for a very young friend in Berkeley and Reberro's is for his own little cherub.

**Shenanigans on Ward 40B:** Our demon-reporter hasn't been able to figure out whether **S. A. Fitzgerald**, EMC, Ward 40B, has an Irish name, an Irish smile, or an Irish attitude. Whatever it was, Fitzgerald's room was the scene of some of the liveliest St. Patrick's Day activities on the compound. **LT W. H. Berry** and **LTJG H. J. Schaffer**, aided by the corpsmen, built up some spontaneous decorations day by day during their "coffee ritual" until the Fitzgerald room would have rivaled the auld sod itself. A decorated pie and Red Cross nut cups climaxed the occasion with Fitzgerald's green tie providing the last possible touch. The christening of

McSorley's twins couldn't have outdone it!

**Square Dancing But No "Squares":** The group of patients who meet each Friday night in the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, for square and folk dancing had an unusual trip and treat a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. J. Haggerty of Berkeley took twelve patients to a Folk Dancing Festival held at the Albany High School. Visiting dancers from all over the Bay region were in costume suitable to the occasion; so it was a lively and colorful affair. Patients who attended (and participated!) were **Owen O'Neal**, AA, 45A, **Roger Canary Jr.**, AA, Ward 51B, **W. C. Darmody**, AA, 70A, **Dale Hoover**, FA, 70A, **Dwight**, FN, 45A, **R. L. Mangnus**, SN, 75A, **John Hegwer**, SN, 71A, **G. D. Hussey**, CT3, 43B, **John Cayton**, FN, **McNew**, FN, 45A, and **John Burgee**, PFC, 49B, accompanied by Mrs. Zimmerman, Red Cross Gray Lady.

**Just a simple twist of the wrist:** On Monday night, March 28, at 1900 the Red Cross Lounge will be the scene of considerable activity. "Professor" Ray Law, expert at Judo and Jiu Jitsu will bring a group to demonstrate these arts of self defense. (Rumor has it that there will be some young ladies among the demonstrators!) Mrs. Bell, Gray Lady will be there, as hostess for the evening.

**MONEY IS WHERE YOU FIND IT:** Green Bay, Wis. (SEA)—For days a railroad engineer glanced at a brown object lying beside the tracks over which his train traveled. Finally he decided to investigate. His hunch proved correct—it was a wallet containing \$104. Finders - is - keepers however, did not apply in this instance, for the money was traced to a fellow railway worker who had lost it a month previous.



# Hospitals Old Stuff To C. M. Anderson

Hospitals have been a familiar part of Charles M. Anderson's life since April 17, 1945, 20 days before the Armistice was signed.

When the land mine near Neurenberg, Germany exploded and killed six of Anderson's platoon, he lost his left eye and part of his face. Since then and his first operation in Rheims, France, the veteran has undergone 17 operations as doctors, step by step, restored his shattered



features. He was admitted here this week through the Veterans Administration Office in Seattle, Washington, for additional plastic repair work.

World War II began for Anderson February 19, 1941, when he was inducted in his native North Dakota. He went overseas in January 1943 and participated in the Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Arno, Anzio, Naples, Foggia, Rome, and Southern France campaigns. In one action, he was cited for the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Cassino. His other decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Croix de Guerre with palm, Bronze Arrowhead, and Purple Heart.

Anderson now looks forward to the time when he will no longer require hospitalization. When that time arrives, he hopes to settle down on his own farm near his parents who now live in Eugene, Oregon.

## Youth Emphasized

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Commission recommends the present six months' death gratuity be eliminated and National Service Life Insurance should be closed to future entrants. Instead, a \$10,000 death benefit should be provided, without cost to the individual, for all personnel who die while on active duty, engaging in inactive duty training, or while in disability retirement.

Additional compensation should be given for hazardous duty, including flying and deep sea diving. Sea and foreign duty for enlisted personnel will also call for additional pay.

Dependent's allowances, the Commission said, should be discontinued by declaring World War II at an end, except that allowances should be continued for the duration of enlistments in force on the date of discontinuance. Present clothing allowances should continue and travel allowances within the United States should be simplified and made identical for all the uniformed forces.—AFPS.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-eight births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period March 13 to 19 inclusive. Statistics follow:

- March 13**
- MACBETH, Grace Angela — To wife of Robert B. Macbeth, Y1, 2 pounds, 10 ounces.
- March 14**
- RODRIGUEZ, (Boy)—To wife of Joseph Rodriguez, CPL, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- DOYLE, Kathleen Jeannette—To wife of James Doyle, ENS, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- HUTTON, Thomas Rollin II—To wife of T. R. Hutton, SN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
- LE MOINE, Judy Lynn — To wife of Wiley Le Moine, ET3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- WELLER, Richard Michael—To wife of Robert M. Weller, LTJG, 8 pounds, 2½ ounces.
- THAMES, Patricia Ann — To wife of James F. Thames, SN, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
- March 15**
- HARDIE, James Bruce and Suzanne Louise—To wife of James A. Hardie, LTJG, 6 pounds, 8½ ounces and 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
- SMITH, (Boy)—To wife of Ronald M. Smith, ENS, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
- YEE, Thomas—To wife of Young C. Yee, SDC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- LAHR, Susan Jeanette — To wife of Franklin E. Lahr, LT, 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.
- March 16**
- CALHOUN, Diane—To wife of Billy R. Calhoun, AD1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- POWELL, Patricia Jane — To wife of James D. Powell, CPL, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- SMITH, Beverley Susan — To wife of Beverly B. Smith, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- POMEROY, (Boy)—To wife of Daniel E. Pomeroy, ETM1, 8 pounds.
- MOSS, James Luellen—To wife of Abbie L. Moss, CMC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- GUTIERREZ, Lourdes Margaret — To wife of Osmundo V. Gutierrez, TN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- HARDER, Daniel—To wife of Robert S. Harder, BMC, 7 pounds.
- March 17**
- HARRIS, Lloyd Kenneth, Jr.—To wife of L. K. Harris, SK2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
- ALLAIN, Richard Keith — To wife of Henry A. Allain, ENS, 5 pounds.
- TURVEY, Theresa Edith — To wife of Raymond Turvey, ENC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
- MARSH, La Moine Francis II—To wife of L. F. Marsh, CSC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- MORRIS, Roger Lee—To wife of Donald F. Morris, AM1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
- FUDGER, Jon Gregory — To wife of Frederick Fudger, S/SGT, 8 pounds.
- March 18**
- FRANCIS, Thomas Edward, Jr.—To wife of T. E. Francis, FA, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
- PARKES, Alan Wayne—To wife of Ralph H. Parkes, AO2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- TODD, Murray Redmon—To wife of William D. Todd, BM1, 9 pounds, 2½ ounces.
- FINCKBONE, Sharon Lee—To wife of Willie Finckbone, EM1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
- WILSON, Ethel Jean—To wife of Myles E. Wilson, SN1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- March 19**
- MILLER, Candice Ann—To wife of Clifford Miller, BT3, 8 pounds.
- BURGAD, Donna Jo—To wife of Sebastian Burgad, SKC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- LAYSON, (Boy)—To wife of John Layson, SFC, 8 pounds.
- SINGLE, Michael Joseph — To wife of Raymond L. Single, BTC (Ret.), 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
- FABRICK, Judith Ann—To wife of William A. Fabrick, LCDR, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
- EDELBROCK, William Robert, Jr.—To wife of W. R. Edelbrock, PFC, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.
- KELLER, Nancy Kay — To wife of Howard E. Keller, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- BARKER, Ellen Kathryn — To wife of William J. Barker, ETC, 7 pounds.

## Nimitz To Head Mission

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz recently was named administrator of a United Nations plebiscite to decide whether the state of Kashmir shall become part of India or of Pakistan.

U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie nominated the wartime Pacific Fleet commander to supervise the balloting among the 4,000,000 inhabitants of Kashmir.

The admiral's office in the Federal building here said he would leave tonight for Washington to begin the assignment.

"The man who marries my daughter will get a prize."

"Money, sir? or some sort of a medal?"

## Who's Who On The Compound



Like many other Navy men who have ten years or more in the service, Orville K. Owen, DTC, has traveled considerably since his first enlistment in the Navy in 1939 at Omaha, Nebraska.

While aboard an attack cargo carrier attached to the amphibious forces during the first part of the war, the chief visited the British Isles, Italy, French Morocco, and Algeria. He also saw duty in the Pacific on the U.S.S. Ticonderoga, CV14, making trips to New Caledonia, Fiji Islands, Samoa, Okinawa, and Japan.

Chief Owen reported to Oak Knoll and its Dental Department from Treasure Island in January 1948. Married, the chief and his wife Marie and their four-year old son, Michael Eugene, make their home in Santa Cruz Village.

Working with plastics, hunting and fishing are the chief's favorite hobbies.



Working conditions in Oak Knoll's Ship's Service are apparently ideal for Beverly Basch, Ship's Service cashier. Her career as a working girl began in August 1943 aboard the station and she has been here ever since.

Born in Eureka, California, Miss Basch moved to Oakland with her family prior to school age. She was educated in local grammar schools and Castlemont High.

Her many off-duty interests include reading, cooking, and dabbling in sewing and leathercraft.

Unlike ninety-nine per cent of Americans who pack their bags when vacation time arrives, Miss Basch prefers to stay home and rest.

A nine months' tour of duty on Guam has been LTJG Josephine R. Jakubiec's, NC, USN, only period of absence from Oak Knoll since she accepted her Navy commission in January 1944. Ordered here for her first Navy duty, she was transferred to the Pacific island in February 1945 and returned the same year. She is currently assigned to Ward 41A.

Miss Jakubiec, a native of Sonman, Pennsylvania, received her training at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois. Following her graduation in 1943, she saw service as an industrial nurse and also did some work in X-ray prior to entering the Navy.

Dancing and participation in active outdoor sports such as tennis are the ward nurse's favorite recreational activities.



During the four years that Martin J. Clifton, Ship's Service cobbler, has worked on the station, he has been assigned to many of the various activities within the Ship's Service Store.

When Clifton came to California from his native Texas in 1941, he applied for a position at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, and was accepted. While at the Center, his conscientious zeal in carrying out his tasks in the Aviation Supply section won for Clifton a gold star certificate from the Supply Officer in Command.

Married and the father of two children, Martin Jr., 6, and Melba 3, he and his wife Cherry recently bought a home on 78th Avenue.

He is deeply interested in religious work and during his off-hours devotes considerable time to his church. Clifton's only hobby is satisfying patrons of his cobbler shop.





Welcome and Farewell

Officers and enlisted personnel reporting aboard for duty during the past week included CDR E. L. Woolsey, MC, USN, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Guam, M. I.; LT Lois M. Highfill, NC, from Naval Air Station, San Diego; LTJG R. N. Hedges, Jr., MCR, from inactive duty; LTJG D. L. Taber, MCR, from U.S.S. General William Mitchell (AP-114); and D. P. Harrold, DT1, from Naval Dental School, Bethesda.

Reporting aboard for 14 days training duty were LT D. M. Gray, S(A), LTJG Dorothy Klyce, W, and ENS J. H. Ritter, USNR.

Transferred to other ships and stations were LT Marion E. Van Horne, NC, USN, to U.S.S. General H. W. Butler (AP-113); "O" "A" Akin, HM3, to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; T. D. Balentine, HM3, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island; R. L. Mennen, HA, to Naval School Academy, Bainbridge, Maryland; and E. L. Brownlee, TN, to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.

Discharged from the Naval service were LTJG Martha P. Hutchison, NC, and LTJG Grace E. White, NC, USN.

Sports Quiz

1. What is the difference in goal post location between college and "pro" football?
2. Name the only post-season bowl game in which All-American football star Johnny Lujack ever played.
3. Can you recall the recent addition to the Big Ten football conference?

Answers

1. In college, the goal posts are ten yards beyond the goal line; in "pro" play, they rest on the payoff stripe.
2. The East-West Shrine game of 1948.
3. Michigan State.

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

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Two Teams Now Vie For First Place In Station Keg League

Continued research of past Bowling League records unearthed an additional four points for Property and Accounting. Coupled with last week's 4-0 win over Dental, P and A jumped two notches — from fifth to third place in league standings.

The Married CPOs 3-1 win over Out-Patient Department was good enough to send them into a first place tie with Laboratory who had to be satisfied with a split with CPOs. A 206 game by Brown of the Married Chiefs won the week's high single honors. High triple of the week was manufactured by the Laboratory's Chief Brandon with a 147,203, and 184, for a three-game total of 534.

The CPOs in their second match of the week dropped a 1-2 decision to Nurses. Both teams had a 2588 total pinfall after handicaps were added and respective team captains voted to drop the fourth point rather than roll for it.

Meeting X-ray later in the week, the Nurses fared poorly, losing three of the four points. Miss Eastin of Nurses, rolled a high single of 179 to lead keglers on both teams.

Team honors for the week were won by the Married Chiefs when they rolled a 2275 total.

League Standings

	Points
1. Laboratory	25
2. Married Chiefs	25
3. Property and Accounting	23
4. Pharmacy	21
5. X-ray	19
6. CPOs	13
7. Out-Patient Department	13
8. Dental	11
9. Nurses	9

CHUCKLES

A vaudevillian approached a booking agent with, "Say, I've got a terrific act! My dog plays the piano and my parrot sings opera."

Said the cynical agent, "Give me the proof."

The dog played. The parrot sang. "Great! Terrific! Wonderful!" screamed the agent. "I'll get you \$5,000 a week!"

"But I only want \$300," said the actor.

"Why?" asked the agent.

"It's all a fake," replied the actor bursting into tears. "You see, the parrot doesn't sing at all. The dog's a ventriloquist."

1st CPO: I'm going to take my wife's fur coat down to the cold storage this afternoon . . . you know that keeps it from deteriorating and falling apart.

2nd CPO: Say, that's a wonderful thing!

1st CPO: Yeah, sometimes I wish I could put my wife in there for a couple of months.

By the time a boy grows tall enough to reach the jam jar on the pantry shelf, the craving for jam is gone.

We usually find firmness an admirable quality in ourselves, but damnable stubbornness in others.

Shamrocks Theme For All Hands Dance



Shots taken at the Welfare and Recreation sponsored St. Patrick's Day dance, Wednesday evening, March 16, help establish the certainty that not only did "all-hands" attend, but that they enjoyed themselves as well.

Mixing with the crowd, the photographer snapped the stag line (lower photo), dancers on the auditorium floor (center), and R. Eustace, HMC (top), holding his audience's attention with a sea story during intermission.

Held in the station auditorium which was appropriately decorated for the occasion by Welfare and Recreation personnel, the dance featured Gary Nottingham and his orchestra, and vocalist Nini Arnell, the Latin American "Bombshell."

Movie Schedule

- Sunday, 27 March  
KNOCK ON THE DOOR  
Humphrey Bogart  
Pickled Puss - News
- Monday, 28 March  
IT HAPPENED IN BROOKLYN  
Frank Sinatra - K. Grayson
- Tuesday, 29 March  
LIFE OF RILEY  
Wm. Bendix - James Gleason  
Daffy Dilly

- Wednesday, 30 March  
THE BLACK ARROW  
Louis Hayward - Janet Blair  
I'm A Monkey's Uncle
- Thursday, 31 March  
FORCE OF EVIL  
John Garfield - B. Pearson
- Friday, 1 April  
MY DREAM IS YOURS  
Jack Carson - Doris Day  
Roaring Wheels - News
- Saturday, 2 April  
SLAVE GIRL  
Y. de Carlo - G. Grant  
Tex Williams and Western





# THE OAK LEAF



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 2 April, 1949

## New Commanding Officer Reports Aboard

### Noted Bacteriologist Lectures To Staff

Staff medical officers this week had the privilege of hearing a lecture by the well-known Dr. Reuben L. Kahn, originator of the Kahn test (the blood test used throughout the world for detection of syphilis). His talk on the subject "Universal Serologic Reactions in Health and Disease" concerned a new and significant test on which he is now working. The lecture was presented as a part of the hospital's Basic Science program.

The noted bacteriologist and immunologist, a native of Lithuania, came to America at the age of 12. He holds degrees from Valparaiso University, Indiana, Yale and New York Universities. Since 1928 he has been professor of bacteriology at the University of Michigan. He also serves as a special consultant for the Surgeon General of the Navy and for the Public Health Service. Throughout his career as a teacher and research man he has made numerous contributions to the medical journals and has received many awards for his work both in this country and abroad.

In California at the present time to work on the monographs for his new tests, Dr. Kahn came to Oak Knoll at the invitation of Captain R. M. Gillett, acting Medical Officer in Command, whose acquaintance he made at the Navy Medical School in 1925, at the time the Navy officially

### Yerba Buena Island Closes; Moves To TI

The Navy's oldest west coast receiving station will close on April 4th. Yerba Buena Island, better known to the "salts" as Goat Island, is being moved to Treasure Island as part of the Navy's consolidation program.

When the Island was first put into operation, the steam frigate USS Pensacola was moored alongside the Island and served as a floating barracks for trainees, known then as "landsmen for training." Many of the buildings constructed in 1901 and 1902 are still in operation, having been remodeled in recent years.

Involved in the move will be the ship's company of 300 men. The only facilities remaining on the Island will be a commissary store, disciplinary barracks, the homes of the Commandants of the Twelfth Naval District and Western Sea Frontier and a small Coast and Geodetic Survey buoy repairing station.

accepted the Kahn test for use at all medical activities.

Captain R. P. Parsons, who until his recent retirement was attached to the District Medical Office, accompanied Dr. Kahn on his visit here and introduced him to the group that assembled for the lecture in the staff conference room. Also in the party were Mrs. Kahn and Mrs. Parsons. Preceding the lecture the visitors, the chiefs of services and their wives met for lunch at the Officers' Club with Captain and Mrs. Gillett.



Captain Sterling S. Cook, MC, USN

### Captain Cook Arrives From Bremerton To Assume New Duties At Oak Knoll

Captain Sterling S. Cook, MC, USN, was welcomed aboard Wednesday by Captain R. M. Gillett, acting Medical Officer in Command, and on Thursday morning he took over his new duties at this hospital.

The new Medical Officer in Command ordered here to relieve Rear Admiral C. A. Broadbush, comes to Oak Knoll from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington, where he has served as MOinC for the past 16 months.

Captain Cook's Navy medical career began in 1917 when he entered the service immediately after his graduation from the Medical College of Virginia. Following a post-graduate course in the Naval Medical School, Washington, D.C., the young Lieutenant Junior Grade was assigned to duty with the Marine Expeditionary Forces in Cuba, and after various tours as Medical Officer, afloat and ashore, he became Director of Sanitation and Quarantine of the Nation-

al Public Health Service in Haiti, remaining there from 1928 to 1932, when he was assigned to duty as Director of Laboratory and Instructor in Tropical Medicine and Parasitology at the Naval Medical Center in Washington.

#### Degree in Public Health

His next tour of duty was at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, where he served as Chief of the Division of Preventive Medicine. While serving in that capacity, he also studied at Johns Hopkins and received from that university the degree of Doctor of Public Health.

Subsequent tours of duty for Oak Knoll's new CO were as Senior Medical Officer, USS Pennsylvania; Chief of Medicine, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia; and Executive Officer, Naval Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

#### Wears Legion of Merit

The Navy doctor's assignments  
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### Dr. Reuben L. Kahn Discusses New Test



Dr. R. L. Kahn (second from right) spoke to staff doctors here Tuesday. Lectured with him are Captain R. M. Gillett, Captain R. P. Parsons, and Captain A. L. Higgins, Executive Secretary for the hospital's professional training program.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Army Day, April 6

A proud and grateful nation will honor its Army on April 6, the day set aside for observance of Army Day.

On this day, the American people will pay tribute to the men and women who wear or have worn the Army uniform, saluting the vast ranks of those who, from the War for Independence until the present, have been dedicated to the ideals, traditions and security of our nation.

On this day, the American people will remember the soldier's oath to "... bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies..." And the American people will respond as one, with a solemn, grateful salute.

On this day, too, the American people will join General Dwight D. Eisenhower, their fellow-American and one of the Army's greatest leaders, in saying: "Those who now serve, greatly merit our praise and active support. With their comrades of the air and the sea they constitute a united host, each arm skilled in its own field, proud in the traditions and loyalties of its own Service, all resolute in a teamwork whose purpose is the invincible defense of this country."

With nearly half of its members scattered throughout a tense, war-scarred world—on occupation duty, island patrol, or with missions in liberated countries—Army Day, 1949, has a special significance. It is a symbol of the American people's will and the Army's goal of helping the democratic people of the world in their struggle for peace and their own free government.

Army Day this year is also especially significant because it tends to emphasize the aims of a unified Armed Forces and the role of the three Services as one coordinated team. The thought is emphasized in the Army Day official theme: "The U. S. Army—Part of the Team—For Security."

Speaking for the Army as a whole in a statement addressed "To Our Fellow Americans," Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, said:

"The Army job in 1949 is no small task. A part of the defense team, we must give the citizens of the United States a full dollar's worth of security for a dollar spent. Men and women in the Army are making many personal sacrifices in the work of guarding the frontiers, and deserve the full support of the Nation in this great task."—AFPS.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

It is something to learn to live in the present, to feel that the present duty, pleasure, circumstance, is alone good and wonderful. We say, if we were only differently placed, life would be so interesting; if we were in such or such a position, then should we be intellectual, or amiable, or useful; or if this or that event should happen to us, then should we be elated and happy. It is all a mistake. That very event or position, if possessed by us, would look just as little extraordinary as that we are now in. Situations not our own lie before us like a landscape view; every part, however mean in detail, goes to contribute to the effect of the whole, and shares in its ideal character; but we cannot see the picture of which we ourselves form a part. We do not know that the day, the hour, the employment, the incident, before which we in our own persons stand, and that looks, perhaps, so worn and dusty, is in reality divine.

—B. T. POZNANSKI, Catholic Chaplain.



## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School ..... 1000

Nursery ..... 1100

Divine Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thurs-

day)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

*Baby small, baby sweet,  
Dimpled hands and tiny feet,  
Ringlets soft of golden hue  
Rosebud mouth—eyes of blue.  
So pink and white and soft to touch  
I love you, oh, so very much.*

—JANE MILLER MANNING.

Twenty-one births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the period March 21 to 26 inclusive. Statistics follow:

### March 21

CHAMBERS, Susan Lynn—To wife of

Jerry Chambers, AK2, 8 pounds 8 ounces.

WHITE, (Girl)—To wife of John White,

BMC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

POPE, Sharyn Lee—To wife of John E.

Pope, ENS, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

SYLVIA, Rosemary Jean—To wife of

John M. Sylvia, Jr., YNC, 6 pounds, 14

ounces.

THOMAS, Betty La Rue—To wife of

Teddy D. Thomas, AC3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

### March 22

PAGAN, (Girl)—To wife of Joseph C.

Pagan, SA, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

LONG, Robert Harry—To wife of James

J. Long, HM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

RUSSELL, Beverly Christine—To wife of

Floyd A. Russell, LT, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

### March 23

MOORE, David Keith—To wife of George

J. Moore, AD2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

### March 24

CAMACHO, (Twin Boys)—To wife of

Atanacio R. Comacho, SD1, 4 pounds, and

4 pounds, 3 ounces.

BURLEY, Thomas Garrick—To wife of

Harold D. Burley, HM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

FLATHERS, Roger Perrin—To wife of

Thomas A. Flathers, T/SGT, 8 pounds 8 1/2

ounces.

DOBBS, Charles Cushing—To wife of

Charles E. Dobbs, Jr., LTJG, 8 pounds, 10

ounces.

FOESTE, Steven Lee—To wife of James

A. Foeste, MEC, 5 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces.

### March 25

COBLE, John Marshall—To wife of Grady

Coble, FA, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

NOCKS, Toni Diane—To wife of Clarence

Nocks, LTJG, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

### March 26

PENICK, Michael Charles—To wife of

James L. Penick, LT, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

McKNIGHT, Mary Kathryn—To wife of

Claud K. McKnight, MACH, 6 pounds, 4

ounces.

SLOCUM, Victoria Ann—To wife of Trel-

less L. Slocum, SN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

DAVEY, James Michael—To wife of

James P. Davey, SN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Spring and Sightseeing:** Many patients get liberty from time to time except when they are strict bed patients or have to stick close to the ward.

Unless you have folks or good friends in the Bay Area there is the problem of what to do and where to go, always of course, according to your physical limitations. The nice weather beckons one to get out of doors if possible and there are plenty of places you could head for, such as

**Lakeside Park** in Oakland with its beautiful scenery, boating and canoeing, bicycling, band concerts, archery auditorium and exposition building shows, wildfowl game refuge, and the Snow Museum.

**Golden Gate Park** in San Francisco where you are in a different world peopled with wonderful sights in the midst of a great city. Flocks of sheep are used to cut the lawns which are in reality huge meadows surrounded by rare trees and flowers. There are many lakes and the **Ocean Beach** itself with amusements and concessions. The Oriental Tea Garden now at its springtime finest, the Steinhart Aquarium with all sizes and shapes of finny inmates, the world famous De Young Museum, and Hall of Sciences and many other sights are waiting for you. Never seen a herd of real American old-time buffalo? Then get over to Golden Gate Park.

**Ward Doin's:** The corridor of Ward 63A became a miniature Indianapolis Speedway one afternoon recently when several patients decided that the superiority of land, sea, or air power was undecided. Vehicles entered for competition included one airplane, eight jeeps, and one jet something-or-other (a new evolution!) as yet unnamed. Competitors were **John Elson, RDSA; Rodger Buchtel, HM1; Michael Kiwas, Veteran; G. S. Miner, AN; and Charles Gilbert, SA. A. G. Hall, QM2**, acted as timekeeper and clocked the winner of the race at two seconds for 120 feet. Not bad! The winner was **Gilbert** but the arguments, er, discussions, go right on.

A new patient combo using Red Cross instruments has made its debut as a ward entertainment group. This **Boogie Woogie Trio**, (no official name as yet) got a wonderful response. **Wards 42B and 46B** last Tuesday afternoon. **Al Derosa, AA**, of Ward 61A, plays the guitar, **Len Witty, Cpl.**, Ward 45A, bass fiddle, and **Van Kemp, Pfc.**, Ward 49A, gives out with some solid piano. Those boys are going to play for other wards as well.

## Eight Civilians Added

Eight civilians—five women and three men—were added to the station's civilian work force during the month of March, records of the Civilian Personnel Office reveal.

The new workers and their jobs are: **Dorothy J. Walton**, maid; **Ysabel R. Ramirez**, typist; **Grace S. Smith**, telephone operator; **Priscilla Smith**, maid; **Roy D. Bishop**, laborer; **Philip Scott**, laborer; **Douglas Medeiros**, laborer; and **Katherine Hildreth**, staff nurse.



# Civilian Employees Select New Board

Elections were held during the past two weeks for the Board of Governors of the Civilian Employees Association for the coming year.

Newly elected governors are Jesse Castro, telephone office; Robert Hastings, finance; Dave Beaver and Don Eschen, transportation; Jack Wells and George Garner, fire department; Alice F. Dibble and Rosie B. Harris, nursing and wards; Bernadette Mallich, laundry; Gregory Jankowiak, gardeners; Jim Turner, Charles Geralt, and Charles Foreman, public works; Leona Maxey, Ray Frizzell, and Lawrence Durant, commissary and diet kitchen; Beatrice Storey, nurses' quarters.

The first meeting of the new Board of Governors was held April 1 for the purpose of discussing policy for the coming year and making plans for the election of new officers of the Association. All civilian employees—members and non-members alike—will be invited to cast their votes for the candidates for office. Names of candidates and news of the election will be published in the near future.

# Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's enlisted complement was increased by 35 last week when that many hospital corpsmen were transferred here from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif. They were: T. T. Barfield, J. H. Blauvelt, "J" "Y" Mount, Jr., R. G. Carter, D. M. Crawford, G. L. Croft, E. K. Crosby, M. L. Crotzer, Jr., J. W. Davidson, C. W. Elder, J. R. Erdman, J. A. Faulkner, J. Florio, J. R. Freeman, R. N. Glasgow, G. D. Gregory, T. E. Hays, A. L. Johnson, T. Leslie, Jr., B. G. Looper, M. Maher, T. M. Meguiar, Jr., R. Nordstrom, R. A. Pickell, J. P. Qualls, L. Quishenberry, J. R. Rule, J. W. Simons, Jr., C. R. Smith, W. M. Stein, E. Stevens, V. Turri, Jr., K. A. Vicklund, M. A. Wilcove, and D. M. Wood, Jr.

LTJG F. A. Pellegrin, MCR, USNR, reported for 14 days training duty.

Transferred to other stations during the week were ENS Irene Kulech, NC, to School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Air Field, San Antonio, Texas; J. J. Buvid, HMC, to Com-12 Dispensary; H. D. Weldon, HMC, to U.S.N.H., Chelsea, Mass. for course of instruction in ENC; C. Weitz, HMC, to NMMC, Bethesda, Maryland, for course of instruction; T. T. F. Lally, MCR, to temporary additional duty aboard the USS *Itania* (AKA-13); and LTJG D. L. Aber, MCR, to temporary additional duty at NSC, Clearfield, Utah.

Transferred to inactive duty following completion of 14 days training duty were LT D. M. Gray, LTJG Dorothy Klyce, and ENS J. H. Ritter, SNR.

Recently separated from the Naval service were LTJG Grace E. White, C, LTJG H. K. Ervin, MCR, R. Aberland, HM1, E. L. McCabe, J. H. Edge, HA, E. L. Traylor, HM3, D. H. Ellis, HM1, A. A. Nash, HM2, R. L. Connor, HN, H. T. Reed, HM3, and J. Zamudio, HM3.

# Who's Who On The Compound



Although LTJG Thessalanea A. Braden, NCR, USNR, began her active Naval service at nearby U.S.N.H. Mare Island, in January, 1944, three years passed before she was again stationed in California.

During those three years, Miss Braden was attached to Naval activities at Noumea, New Caledonia, Samoa, Memphis, Tenn., New Orleans, La., and Neuropsychiatry School at Philadelphia, Pa. Upon completing NP school she reported here in May, 1947, and was assigned to Ward 51B.

Born in Mississippi, Miss Braden graduated from the Wilson N. Jones School of Nursing, Sherman, Texas, and prior to her Naval service, practiced orthopedic nursing at Southwestern General Hospital, El Paso, Texas.

For relaxation when not on duty, Miss Braden turns to bowling, riding and tennis.



Merton E. Harding, HM1, is the lone graduate of the Navy Optical School, Brooklyn, N. Y., serving on the staff at Oak Knoll, and since reporting aboard in September, 1948, he has been serving in the eye clinic on Ward 45A.

Born in Meadville, Missouri, Harding journeyed to Kansas City to enlist in April, 1943, and received his recruit training at Farragut, Idaho. After Corps School in San Diego, his first duty station was USNH Mare Island, and following that, service with Cub12, San Bruno. He participated in the landings at Iwo Jima and Saipan with the 5th Amphibious Marines, and was then transferred to the 4th Marine Division. Prior to attending Optical school Harding was attached to NAS Alameda, and during the Bikini Atom Bomb test he served aboard the USS Mount McKinley.

"You want to know my hobby? It's my son! Also reading, music, and collection of stamps and cooking books," Mrs. Anna P. Stone, agent cashier of the Out-Patient Department, replied with characteristic vivacity when questioned by the Oak Leaf reporter.

Widowed when her son was 8 years old, Mrs. Stone has devoted her life to rearing him in the best American tradition. Now a pre-law senior at U. C., Don is 23, blond, 6 feet 1, and a veteran of 3½ years' service in the Marine Corps.

War was not new to Mrs. Stone. While she was attending the Urief Medical School, Urief, Russia, she met and married a young officer in the Czar's army. And during World War I she served as a nurse in the hospitals of her native country. It was after the second Revolution that she and her husband came to America.

Mrs. Stone joined the staff at Oak Knoll in August, 1946, having previously worked in private industry. She and her son now live in Berkeley not far from the University.



Houston, Texas, is the place O. H. Bergman, HA, specifies as his home town, and it is there he enlisted in the Navy on 2 April, 1948. After the regular periods of recruit training and Hospital Corps School in San Diego, he reported to Oak Knoll in October, 1948, and currently is assigned to the receiving ward at the OOD's desk.

In the line of hobbies, he is like thousands of other Americans—fascinated by the art of sleight-of-hand and likes to try it himself occasionally. Another of his favorite sidelines is cooking.

Skating, bowling, basketball and softball are high on his favorite recreation list, and a basketball letter from Aldine High School in Houston is among his awards.



# Exams Announced For Postal Workers

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for probational appointment to the positions of Substitute Clerk and Carrier in the Oakland Post Office. The basic rate of pay for substitute is \$1.29 an hour. Appointments are usually made to substitute positions, and promotions made to regular positions according to seniority of appointment.

Applicants must reside within the delivery zone of the Oakland Post Office or be bona fide patrons of the office. Persons employed in the Oakland Post Office will be considered bona fide patrons of the office. No experience is required. Applicants must qualify in a written test.

Applications and further information may be secured from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Room 215, Post Office Building, 13th and Alice Streets, Oakland, California.

# CO Reports Aboard

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during World War II included duty as Senior Medical Officer aboard the USS *Relief*; District Medical Officer on the staff of the Commandant, Tenth Naval District, in the Caribbean Area, and Medical Officer in Command of Fleet Hospital 105 in the South Pacific Area. For his outstanding service during this period, Captain Cook was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Postwar billets for the new skipper include those of Senior Medical Officer of the Navy's largest Training Center at San Diego, Fleet Medical Officer on the Staff of the Commander, Seventh Fleet, Pacific, and Medical Officer in Command at Bremerton.

Captain Cook is the author of numerous professional articles on sanitation and tropical diseases. He is a member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and the National Malaria Society and a Fellow of the American Public Health Association, American College of Physicians, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The new CO and Mrs. Cook have three children—two daughters, Mrs. Clark, wife of Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Clark, US Marine Corps, at present a student in Business Administration at Stanford University and Mrs. Ball, wife of W. B. Ball, attorney for the Grace Steamship Company in New York, and a son, William B. Cook, a sophomore at Stanford University.

# WASHINGTON HI-LITES

The Navy's traditional custom of saluting only when wearing headgear has been relaxed to permit Navy officers to exchange salutes with members of other Services "when failure to do so would cause embarrassment or misunderstanding." Members of the Army and Air Force salute when uncovered as well as when covered.



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• **Movie Schedule** •

- Sunday, 3 April

**FIGHTER SQUADRON**

E. O'Brien — R. Stack

Kit For Cat — News
- Monday, 4 April

**SEA OF GRASS**

S. Tracy — K. Hepburn
- Tuesday, 5 April

**CANADIAN PACIFIC**

Gooney Golfers
- Wednesday, 6 April

**GIRL FROM MANHATTAN**

D. Lamour — Chas. Laughton

Cartoon
- Thursday, 7 April

**I SHOT JESSE JAMES**

P. Foster — B. Britton

At The Stroke of Twelve
- Friday, 8 April

**THREE MUSKETEERS**

L. Turner — Gene Kelly

News
- Saturday, 9 April

**VIGILANTES RETURN**

J. Hall — M. Lindsay

Fight of Wild Stallions

Since the Waves joined the service, some terrible mistakes have occurred. One sailor picked up a mop and swabbed the deck before he discovered it was a Wave drying her hair.

★ ★ **Sportin' Around** ★ ★

By Armed Forces Press Service

Wherever sporting gentry gather, whether in the "back room," in offices or on the street corner, the talk at one time or another invariably swings to track. For indoor and outdoor track has become recognized as one of this country's major sports.

When the conversation runs in this vein, such great names as Glenn Cunningham and Paavo Nurmi appear. It was runners such as these who made front-page news whenever they stepped on the cinder track.

Spanning the years in reverse, one sees the record book constantly changing and milers coming up and record times going down. Some fans in the 1900's honestly believed that no man could ever run faster than 4:15, the record set by Tom Conneff in 1895.

But fall they did. A present day 4:15 is considered rather slow. Those who have surpassed this record include many of the well known track personalities of the day.

As the record book is inspected, many of the pages vividly flash the name of Glenn Cunningham. For here was one of America's greatest athletes—an athlete that doctors said could never walk—least of all run. The "Kansas Comet" was seriously burned while a youth and only the yearning and spirit to run ever made it possible.

A God-fearing man, Glenn lived solely by the good book and an unswerving faith in that which was right gave him courage unexcelled in modern sports.

As Glenn tediously overcame his handicap the calling to become a mile runner entered his life. From that time on, the record book was in constant danger.

In 1938 Glenn had his greatest triumph. In the confines of the indoor track, the "Comet" negotiated the mile in 4 minutes and 4 seconds.

When he retired in 1940 the great Kansas plodder had run the mile no less than 88 times, all under 4:15.

Wherever great track performances are discussed, the name of Paavo Nurmi also comes up. The little Finn, as he was called, altered the record book countless times to rank alongside the great runners of all time.

In 1923, Paavo first astonished the track world by clocking off the mile in 4:10.4, at the time a new record.

Paavo's greatest day, however, was in the 1924 Olympic games at Paris. Here, for the first time in history, one person captured three individual titles. Paavo Nurmi was deservedly the toast of the track world.

Many interesting stories have been told about the great Nurmi but none, we think, tops the one about his success pattern:

He always carried a stop watch with him while running and finally it was

revealed that the Finn used it to time each step of the race. Nurmi explained it by saying that he had to be at a predetermined spot exactly on every second.

Thus are track stars born. On a farm in Kansas and in the cold hinterlands of Finland. Handicaps overcome and records set. Yes—these are the thrills of a lifetime and one wonders, even as new records are made—will there ever be another Cunningham or Nurmi?

**Ship's Service News**

The Ship's Service Tailor Shop now has the new HM and HMC rates for staff enlisted personnel. Contact Johnny Joyce for prompt sew-on service in order to meet the deadline specified by current uniform regulations.

With spring in the air, camera season will soon be here. Take advantage of the complete line of photographic merchandise now on hand. Film, cameras and accessories are offered at special sale prices. Stock up now!

How are you fixed for shirts? Now on hand in Ship's Service Store are white Arrow dress shirts at \$2.85; Van Huesen at \$2.35; and other well-known name brands. Also in stock are Arrow and MacGregor sport shirts at reduced prices.

To ladies interested in swimming, the Store is receiving a complete line of swim suits, caps and other swimming gear. Prepare for the coming swim season by buying your needed water ensemble now.

Nurses are reminded that a full range of white hose, uniforms, and accessories are available through Ship's Service. And MEN, don't miss the present bargains on underwear and socks.

**NOTICE**

A lady's brown leather wallet was lost on the compound last Thursday evening. It contains important papers and certificates. Finder please return to the Oak Leaf Office in Administration Building.

**Laboratory Keglers Nor Married Chiefs Can Snap Deadlock**

After running roughshod over their opponents last week, the Married Chiefs and Laboratory find themselves still deadlocked for first place in the Station Bowling League standings. The Chiefs picked up four points from Dental, and Lab's pinfall was great enough to give them four points over the Nurses.

H. D. "Hap" Campbell of the Married Chiefs, with a 540 pin count, and teammate J. B. Amgwert, with a 532 led the Chiefs, but neither was able to top Chief Morris of X-Ray, Morri edged out Campbell with 541 pins.

Third place P and A increased their hold by taking four points from the closest rivals, Pharmacy.

O.P.D. took three points from Ray to move ahead of the CPO's, the only other game of the week.

**League Standings**

- |                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Laboratory              | 21 |
| 2. Married Chiefs          | 20 |
| 3. Property and Accounting | 19 |
| 4. Pharmacy                | 18 |
| 5. X-Ray                   | 17 |
| 6. O.P.D.                  | 16 |
| 7. CPO's                   | 15 |
| 8. Dental                  | 14 |
| 9. Nurses                  | 13 |

**Sports Quiz**

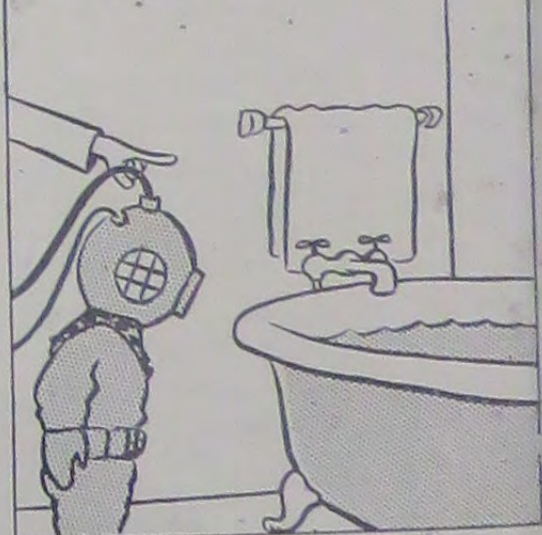
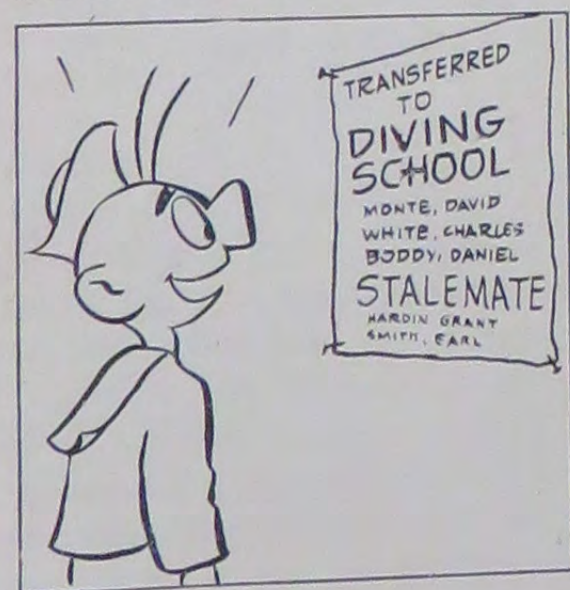
1. Jack Dempsey was best known by the title, "The Manassa Mauler." How did he acquire this nickname?
2. In baseball, the letters SB mean Stolen Bases. What does SH stand for?
3. Several managers in baseball have won pennants with different clubs. Can you name a manager who has won pennants in both major leagues?
4. This 17-year-old was the youngest winner in Olympic history. Give us his name and the event.
5. He was known as the "Bulldog" in pro football. Can you recall his name?

**Answers**

1. Named after his boyhood town.
2. Sacrifice Hit.
3. Joe McCarthy—Cubs in the National and Yankees in the American.
4. Bob Mathias—the Decathlon.
5. The famous center, Clyde "Bulldog" Turner.

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**STALEMATE**



**Water Tender**

By Ed Hughes, LI3





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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 9 April, 1949

## Brawny Nursemaids Tend Tots Tenderly In Knoll Nursery

(Ed note: This story was written by Kathleen Madison, staff of the N.A.S. Alameda "Carrier," and is reprinted with her permission.)

Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, a cluster of austere barracks regimented on the gentle slope of a wooded hill beyond Oakland, California, boasts one of the world's most unique maternity wards. Its nursery is staffed, in part, by brawny nursemaids with crew haircuts—sailors, aged 17 to 20 years old.

Here hundreds of NAS babies make their debuts into the world, receiving the tenderest of care from these efficient, highly skilled nursemaids in 13-button serge trousers.

The young sailors have invaded and conquered the once secluded and invulnerable nursery, presiding over the incubators and cribs with an efficiency and love of their work. Oak Knoll has 75 of these teen-aged sailors working as nurses' assistants and attendants in the dependent wards. Officially known as Navy Hospital Corpsmen, they are selected from enlisted men's ranks for medical duty after passing rigid mentality and aptitude tests.

Before assignment to a Navy hospital the young corpsman first attends a concentrated 12 weeks' preliminary nursing course at the San Diego Hospital Corps School. Here they learn the fundamentals of nursing—how to make a hospital bed, bathe a patient, take temperatures and pulse, and do countless other necessary services to comfort and aid the sick.

### 63 HOUR WEEK

The corpsmen work long hours at the hospital. Day men go on duty at 7 a.m. and on alternate days work till 9:30 p.m. On short days, when they are off duty at noon, they usually attend a one hour study session devoted to technique and theory of nursing, chemistry, biology, and sundry subjects. This makes an average 63 hour week, but the corpsmen don't mind. Most of them are planning to continue with a nursing career. Others hope to enter medical school after their cruise is up.

Corpsmen on night duty, which comes up every four of five months, work from 9:30 p.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Maternity ward corpsmen swing easily into routine. The novice's fear of "breaking the baby" is gone. Their big hands gently bathe, diaper and feed the tiny infants with staggering efficiency and unparalleled high humor.

"Hey, doll," a corpsman will say, cooing up a wailing baby girl with

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## Captain And Mrs. Cook Officially Welcomed Aboard At Club Party



Captain and Mrs. S. S. Cook were officially welcomed aboard when officers of the staff entertained with a reception and dinner dance in their honor last Saturday night. More than 250 persons—members of the staff, civilian consultants, and commanding officers of other Navy Medical Activities in the Bay Area—attended the party.

In the receiving line, left to right above, were the Medical Officer in Command, Mrs. Gillett, Mrs. Cook, and the Executive Officer, Captain R. M. Gillett. Among the guests (right) were Rear Admiral Frederick R. Hook, MC, USN (Ret), Medical Officer in Command here from September 2, 1942, to November 15, 1943, now serving as Medical Director of the California State Medical Association



parently engrossed in a weighty discussion with Captain Carr E. Bentel of the X-Ray Department.

## Calendar for April 9-15 Lists Critical Past Events

In bygone years, the week of April 9-15 has proved to be an eventful one. One president of the United States has been born, and two have died in office. A war has ended and one of the greatest disasters of all time occurred within this short space of seven days.

A glance through the past reveals that on:

**13 April 1743:** Thomas Jefferson, destined to be the third president of the United States, was born in Virginia.

**9 April 1865:** General Robert E. Lee surrendered his revolutionary forces to General U. S. Grant ending the Civil War.

**14 April 1865:** Only five days after

releasing his nation from the throes of war, President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre in Washington.

**15 April 1865:** President Lincoln succumbed, throwing an entire nation into mourning.

**14 April 1912:** The most calamitous loss of life at sea in peacetime history. The steamer Titanic, out of Southampton on her maiden voyage with 2,224 persons aboard struck an iceberg. She sank in 2½ hours with a loss of life of 1,513 persons.

**12 April 1945:** President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died at the age of 63. Vice President Harry S. Truman sworn in.

What will happen in 1949?

## USNH Pearl Harbor Secures; Navy Will Reduce Facilities

(SEA)—Closing of the large Naval hospital at Pearl Harbor, T. H., was ordered by then Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, along with two Army hospitals at other localities. The move is in line with previously announced plans for consolidation of medical facilities for the armed services.

The medical unification program is said to call for a reduction of 7,000 hospital beds. The two Army general hospitals to be shut down "as soon as possible" are the McCornack General hospital in Pasadena, Calif., and the 22nd General hospital on Guam.

SecDefense also ordered reduction of 48 smaller station-type facilities to dispensary status. Of the 48 such hospitals, 10 are located overseas, and of the remaining 38 in continental U. S., the following naval facilities are thus affected.

NRS Boston, Mass.; NAS Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y.; NAD Earle, N. J.; NAS Corpus Christi, Tex.; NAS St. Louis, Mo.; NAS Lakehurst, N. J.; NAS Willow Grove, Pa.; NSD Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Naval Station, Bain bridge, Md.; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.; NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; NAS San Diego; NAS Pensacola, Fla.; NAS New Orleans, La.; NRS Brooklyn, N. Y.; NAS Dallas, Tex.; NRS San Diego, Calif.; Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, San Diego; NAS Miramar, San Diego; NAAS Ream Field, San Ysidro, San Diego, Calif.; NAS Los Alamitos, Calif.; Marine Corps Station, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.; TTC, Memphis, Tenn.; NAS Atlanta, Ga.; Naval Dispensary, Marine Corps Training Center, Oceanside, Calif.; NAS Santa Ana, Calif.; NRS San Pedro, Calif.; NAAS Monterey, Calif.; Navy Dispensary, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.; Navy Dispensary, Alameda, Calif.; and NSD Clearfield, Utah.

### Increase In Rations

Effective 1 April 1949, cash collection for subsistence furnished staff military and civilian personnel at this hospital, including such supernumerary patients required to reimburse the hospital in cash for their rations, shall be at the rate of \$1.14 per ration, or thirty-eight cents per meal.



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## Pan American Day—April 14

Next Thursday, one of the world's great organizations will celebrate fifty-nine years of service. It has created and promoted good will throughout the North American continent since 1890, when the first Conference of the Pan-American Union was held. The President of the United States annually proclaims this day as "Pan-American Day" and calls upon the people of the United States "to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, thereby giving expression to the spirit of continental solidarity and to the sentiments of cordiality and friendly feeling which the government and people of the United States entertain toward the peoples and governments of the other republics of the American continent."

Throughout the American continent, presidents of all nations will issue similar proclamations in honor of the "Clearing house of Good Will."

In the great white stone building in Washington, D. C., in which the delegates to this great organization meet, the members will pass through the three beautiful archways and into the hall, they will hear speeches by selected delegates and a program of Latin American music.

But, with this celebration, we mustn't forget all the work, time, and money that have been put into this great project. The Union finances itself by a system of paying dues whereby each nation gives annually—not a set amount, but according to its population. In that way the Union practices its own policies.

So on this day, let us congratulate the countries who live by this code, and the delegates of the countries, who give their love to one country, their friendship and good-will to all.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

We might accumulate great spiritual riches, and lay up an abundant treasure in heaven, if we would but use all the trifling opportunities which meet us at every turn, for the service of God. And a trifling good thing done for Him is worth far more than some great thing in which love has a smaller share. People are apt to think slightly of trifling acts of forbearance toward an ill-tempered neighbor, patient endurance of his imperfections, meekness under angry looks, willing acceptance of contempt and humiliation, petty injustice, preference shown to another, ridicule, or troublesome importunity. A ready performance of tasks beneath our ordinary position, a pleasant answer given to an undeserved or petulant reproof, the power of taking a refusal gracefully or receiving a favor thankfully . . . all these are counted as very small virtues by the high-minded and proud at heart. Everybody wants to attain to conspicuous and shining virtues, but very few seek after the lowly graves, the thyme and sweet herbs, which grow beneath the shadow of the life-giving tree.

—B. T. POZNANSKI, Catholic Chaplain

## Divine Services

Holy Week and Easter Schedule of Chapel Services

Catholic—  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Palm Sunday—0630, 0900  
Daily Mass—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—1630  
Thursday—0630  
Friday—1200  
Saturday—1150  
Confessions: Saturday—1900  
Easter Masses: 0630 and 0900  
Protestant—  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Palm Sunday—1100—Worship Service  
Maundy Thursday—1630—Lord's Supper

Good Friday—1245—Half hour meditation on the Cross.  
Easter—1100—Worship Service  
Jewish—  
A Passover Seder Service and Dinner for military personnel and hospitalized veterans will be held at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St. at 1830, 13 April. Reservations must be made by calling GRaystone 4-1245.  
Other Jewish Services:  
April 13th—1800—Temple Beth Abraham, Oakland.  
April 14 and 15—2045—Temple Beth Abraham.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY:** A lot of men all over the country are looking forward to that magic date, May 1, and patients at Oak Knoll are no exception. That old fishing bug is on the loose again and no DDT can knock it out.

Monday evening, April 11, at 1900 in the Red Cross Lounge Mr. RALPH STEVENS, Columnist of the Oakland Post Enquirer will discuss fishing in all its fascinating forms. Mr. Stevens' column "THE FISHING FOOL" is widely read by all the Isaak Waltons in the Bay region. He knows this subject from start to finish and can answer all your questions. Maybe you can furnish him with a couple of tall tales yourself. He'd like to meet you! Beside his newspaper work Mr. Stevens is the editor of a fishing magazine and has a program on the air every Thursday night.

**IT'S FUN TO MAKE A HAT:** A most unique program took place on Ward 41A one evening this last week. If the men have ever wondered just WHY their wives' hats cost so dog-gone much, they surely found out!!

Mr. J. M. IDELSON and Mrs. DOROTHY JACKSON, representatives from the Standard Millinery Supply House gave a demonstration on how to make a \$25.00 hat in about three minutes flat and at a cost of about three or four dollars. Red Cross Gray Ladies modeled these nifty looking creations, and the patients had to admit they really looked good. Mrs. Jackson also showed how men's old felt hats could be cut up a little and with the addition of a flower or two and a veil achieve some charming results. Takes a bit of skill, though.

Patients who tried their hand at hat-making were ROBERT G. AXTON, Veteran; RUFUS PRINCE, Veteran; OSCAR LELEVIER, AM1, and CARL FRY, SA. These men will be able to tell their wives a thing or two! Incidentally, Mr. Idelson said that the patients on 41A were the most interesting and critical audience he had ever talked to.

**AND THAT AIN'T ALL!** A somewhat similar event took place on Ward 62A. Only this time it was the patients who modeled the hats. Did you ever see a bald pate shining through the rim of a crownless hat, tastefully decorated with a sprig of daphne? The University of California junior hostesses had brought some of their finest discards for the occasion and each patient chose the one which would give that "extra something" to his phiz (short for physiognomy). Veils created a distinct hazard while patients attempted to eat some delicious pies provided by the Hayward Gray Ladies, but they managed it with gusto without actually consuming the veils. At least, nobody reported one missing! Some spontaneous close harmony rounded out the occasion with those talented corpsmen doing their best.

**FULL TO BURSTING!** Ward 55 had a waffle party to remember on Tuesday afternoon, April 5th, which happened also to be ENSIGN B. L. TAYLOR'S birthday. The popular nurse blew out a candle adorning a tiny cake, ate it (the cake, that is), with all the trimmings. She couldn't hold a candle to FRED GREEN, veteran patient. Fred ate FIVE waffles!

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-two births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department in the period of March 27-April 2 inclusive. Statistics follow:

March 27  
JONES, Pamela—To wife of Robert E. Jones, PACT, 7 pounds 7 ounces.  
BIRD, Cynthia—To wife of Kenneth I. Bird, YN2, 7 pounds 12 ounces.  
WATKINS, Diane Grace—To wife of D. B. Watkins, LT., 6 pounds 1 ounce.  
March 28  
KUCHINSKI, Baby Girl—To wife of John Kuchinski, YN1, 6 pounds 13 ounces.  
RACH, Katherine Mary—To wife of Howard Kach, AMC, 9 pounds.  
FERGUSON, Baby Boy—To wife of Clarence Ferguson, LTJG, 8 pounds 13 ounces.  
AMMONS, Carmen Ann—To wife of Clarence M. Ammons, AE1, 6 pounds 7 ounces.  
ESSEX, James Leroy—To wife of James O. Essex, SN, 9 pounds 4 ounces.  
March 29  
BESS, John Delbert—To wife of George D. Bess, ET1, 8 pounds 11 ounces.  
WITHEROW, Patricia Ruth—To wife of Alan E. Witherow, AFC, 8 pounds 13 ounces.  
March 30  
PRICE, Karen Mae—To wife of Dennis J. Price, HM2, 6 pounds 7 ounces.  
SWARTZENDRUBER, Rodney Eugene—To wife of Carl E. Swartzendruber, AO1, 8 pounds 3 ounces.  
ABEE, Ronald Morris—To wife of Morris D. Abee, 7 pounds 4 ounces.  
LAKE, Harold Jesse—To wife of Harold J. Lake, LTJG, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
BROWN, Donald Michael—To wife of Joel A. Brown, BM2, 7 pounds 14 ounces.  
REITANO, Nancy Dawn—To wife of Frank Reitano, BM3, 7 pounds 4 ounces.  
LAWHEAD, Wendell Lee—To wife of Ralph W. Lawhead, SA, 4 pounds 10 ounces.  
HENDRIX, Danny—To wife of Billy Hendrix, Cpl., 8 pounds 5 ounces.  
March 31  
SZAKALSKI, Robert Allen—To wife of Michael J. Szakalski, SN, 8 pounds 1 ounce.  
MURPHY, Baby Girl—To wife of Gerald E. Murphy, ETC, 6 pounds 11 ounces.  
BONHAM, Helen Ann—To wife of Robert W. Bonham, GM1, 6 pounds 2 ounces.  
April 1  
GILMORE, Ronald Edward—To wife of Homer G. Gilmore, SA, 7 pounds 7 ounces.  
WELDEN, Charles Brison—To wife of Hubert D. Welden, HMC, 5 pounds 1 ounce.  
HAWKINS, Victoria Lynne—To wife of Charles O. Hawkins, CS3, 6 pounds 9 ounces.  
KINCANNON, Mary Louise—To wife of Raymond Kincannon, AD2, 8 pounds 1 ounce.  
April 2  
STAFFORD, Joseph Michael—To wife of Harry C. Stafford, AM3, 7 pounds 10 ounces.  
MORRIS, Nelda Eunice—To wife of William T. Morris, SN, 7 pounds 4 ounces.  
HUTTO, Robert Kenneth—To wife of Ray K. Hutto, BM2, 8 pounds 5 ounces.  
DUTRO, Anita Lorene—To wife of Harold Dutro, MMC, 5 pounds 6 ounces.  
TILTON, Terry Lee—To wife of Arthur Tilton, Cpl., 6 pounds 14 ounces.  
PALLANCK, Dan Richard—To wife of Richard Pallanck, SN, 7 pounds 4 ounces.  
BOND, Frederick William—To wife of Victor Bond, LTJG, 7 pounds 11 ounces.

## 12ND Band Here

On Wednesday evening at 1900, the 12th Naval District band will present a program in the auditorium for staff and patient personnel.

The 17-piece band, under the direction of Mr. Birdsong, MUC-USN, will present a program of military music and marches.

Gray Ladies Mesdames Camille, Be and Jacuzzi kept the irons hot, the patients helped make the waffle, Berkeley Chapter Red Cross canteen service provided all the supplies.



## California Solons Work To Curb Rheumatic Fever

The state of California has begun taking steps to curb one of childhood's most crippling diseases by organizing a million dollar campaign to fight rheumatic fever.

A bill introduced to the California Assembly and Senate will provide, if passed, \$900,000 from the general fund of the state treasury to aid in services to children with rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease.

The state health department estimates there are 7,000 cases of rheumatic fever each year, and that the disease is far more prevalent than previously supposed. In a great number of cases adequate care is too costly for families or local agencies to bear. The state funds derived under the new bill will go to help these people.

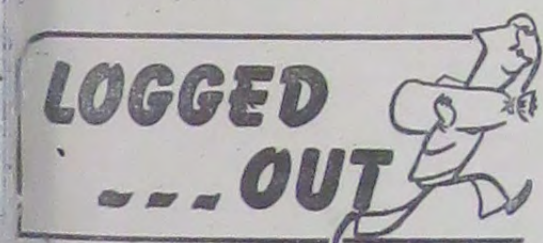
The bill is a must for the assembly, for without adequate care, a child could suffer permanent heart damage, and his opportunities to make satisfactory emotional, social, and vocational adjustments in later life would be seriously hampered.



Fourteen new hospital corpsmen were transferred to Oak Knoll from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif., last week. They were J. D. Brinkerhoff, D. J. Cashman, B. T. Cooper, R. D. Graeser, G. W. Keane, G. L. Mulnix, E. C. Pressnall, B. J. Shaver, G. H. Snyder, J. C. Stevenson, E. H. Stolla, F. J. Wagoner, and K. T. Whitesides.

Received from Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill., were B. J. Scheidt, HA(W), and M. M. Tschaape, HA(W).

H. A. Quigley, HM3, reported aboard from USNH, Long Beach, Calif., Harry L. McGuire, SHC, from RecSta, San Francisco, LTJG Kenneth D. Garver, MCR, USNR, for internship, and LT Jeanette V. Counts, NC, for temporary additional duty while awaiting separation.



Transferred to other stations during the week were C. A. Weitz, HMC, to NNMC for course of Instruction in Blood Bank technique, W. Richardson, TN, to NavSta, Treasure Island, R. E. Nelson, TN, to Stockton, Calif., R. M. Hardine, TN, and M. Jackson, TN, to NSD, Clearfield Utah, LT F. W. Cleary, MC, to USS Gen. H. W. Butner, (AP-113), and LTJG J. W. McKibben, MCR, to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco, California.

Also transferred were LT Roberta Ohrman, NC, to USNH, Newport, ENS H. Gunther, NC, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill., LT Louise Bucher, NC, to USNH, Corona, Calif., LTJG J. R. Jakubeic, NCR, to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif., and 9 men to N.A.S. Alameda. They were C. O. David, R. Dayrit, D. DeLaSerna, S. Dixon, B. Docuynan, R. Couser, A. Cruz, I. Malicdem, and E. Scott.

## Who's Who On The Compound

With fourteen years experience in the field of Physical Therapy, Oak Knoll is fortunate to have Miss Marion E. Cramer, CWO, HC, on its staff.

Before coming to Oak Knoll, Miss Cramer has served at the Naval Hospitals in San Diego, Corona, Santa Cruz and Corpus Christi, Texas, and always in the capacity of Physical Therapy technician.

Born in Watertown, N. Y., Miss Cramer entered the Navy in May of 1943 in Minneapolis, Minn. After touring the previously mentioned hospitals, she reported to Oak Knoll 9 April 1947 from Corpus Christi.

Her hobbies consist of spending money, sewing, and knitting, the latter a recent addition to the list. For recreation, Miss Cramer prefers bowling, tennis, dinner dancing, picnics, and good shows. Reading also rates high, as does symphonic music.



The corpsman you see thumbing through the files (below) is Lloyd K. Hill, HA, a familiar figure around the ramps at Oak Knoll. Lloyd has been stationed here in the California foothills since 21 March 1947, when he reported aboard from N.P. school at Fort Worth, Texas.

Originally a Buckeye, from Cincinnati to be specific, he enlisted on 16 April 1946 in the Queen City, and off he went to Great Lakes for his "boots." A transfer to Portsmouth, Virginia, for Corps School followed, and upon completion of his training there he was assigned to the USNH Brooklyn, N. Y. It was from there that he went to Fort Worth.

Soon after his arrival here, Lloyd was forced to turn in with a possible tumor, and he spent 11 long months on the sick list. But now that he is back on his feet and fit as the proverbial mule, he can resume his favorite exercises, swimming and baseball.



## Knoll Nursery Has Brawny Nursemaids

(Continued from page one)  
one hand and a nursing bottle with the other. "Wrap your little rosebud kisser around this." He sits quietly in a chair with the baby cradled comfortably against his chest until the bottle is emptied. Then he hoists the dainty, six-pound miss to his shoulder and firmly pats her small bottom until rewarded with a polite burp.

### LULLABIES TOO

Unlike most fathers, who confide to each other: "A baby is a wonderful thing as long as you don't have to hear or smell it," the corpsmen cheerfully rock-a-bye squalling, red faced mites to sleep, and graciously change diapers.

"Well slugger," the corpsman greets the unabashed baby boy. "Looks like you need a clean sweep-down, fore and aft." A few deft passes with a wash cloth, powder can and diaper, and the change is effected.

Boarders (babies who are kept at the hospital after the mothers is discharged) are fed by bottle held in the patient hand of a corpsman. Formulas are prepared by the men, under the supervision of a nurse. Most of the boarders are premature, underweight babies and must be coaxed and pampered into robust health. Oak Knoll authorities will not allow a baby weighing under six pounds to leave the hospital.

Other babies are wrapped in blanket cocoons and taken to their mothers for feeding every four hours, day and night. This is the only contact corpsmen have with the mothers.

### DAILY INFANT SHOW

Fathers are welcomed at the nursery only at 7:30 p.m. when a daily, gala Baby Show is presented by the corpsmen. Enlisted men and officers, all new parents, queue up for a turn at the narrow "display" window. Each man in turn steps to the window, presses his ID card against the glass so the corpsman on the other side can read the name. The corpsman gets the baby whose identification wrist bracelet spells out the same name as on the ID card. With the air of a salesman showing a prized object d'art, the corpsman seats the infant on the palm of his hand, and with the other holds up the wobbling head so the father can look at his new baby directly midship.

The infant is unconcerned. Expressions on the faces of fathers vary. Some men, expecting a tot as pretty and plump as the eight-months old daughter of a neighbor, appear repelled at the wizened pot bellied mites held up for approval. Other sailors swell up with pride at the point of splitting their jumpers.

Now that the WAVES are being admitted into the regular navy, perhaps they will eventually replace the corpsmen, but parents feel the maternity ward will never be the same.

"No one can take the place of the sailors," one mother emphasized. "They instinctively know how to train babies. They use the iron hand in the velvet glove technique. Sometimes our babies are spoiled, but it's good to know they had plenty of love and tender care before being sent home."

\* Woman: generally speaking, is generally speaking.



Persis A. Stanley, the good-natured woman who mans the front counter and serves as traffic clerk in the Disbursing Office, began her career with the Navy during World War I, when she served in 1918 as a Yeoman (f) at Naval Installations in Boston, Massachusetts, and Great Lakes, Illinois. She is the only former yeomanette on the hospital staff.

Although she was transferred to Oak Knoll only three years ago from the Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, where she had held a similar position since 1941, Mrs. Stanley (a native of Springfield, Mass.) is now a confirmed Californian. Next to singing, her favorite pastime is exploring various parts of the state in her trusty Chevrolet. Mrs. Stanley spends many of her evenings at home (502 Vernon Street, Oakland) cultivating her contralto voice or appearing in concert with the San Francisco Municipal Chorus.



Give credit where credit is due, they always say. So, the Oak Leaf now gives credit to Wilbur D. Burroughs, HN, who has been such a great help to the paper as a part of the fine group of people who handle the photography.

Working in the photo lab has its advantages for Burroughs. His hobby is photography, so in addition to serving in his capacity of a staff corpsman, he is also able to replenish his knowledge of photo art.

Born in Kingman, Kansas, he enlisted in the Navy 10 June 1947 in Wichita. After the indoctrination period and Corps School at San Diego he reported to Oak Knoll on 23 February 1948.

An ardent admirer of the rough and tumble game of football, Burroughs likes to let his wounds heal by indulging in a friendly game of snooker occasionally.



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• **Movie Schedule** •

- Sunday, 10 April

**BRIDE OF VENGEANCE**

Lumber-Jack and Jill  
News
- Monday, 11 April

**UNDERCOVER MAISIE**

Miracle in the Cornfield
- Tuesday, 12 April

**MR. BELVEDERE GOES TO COLLEGE**

Wish You Were Here  
(March of Time)
- Wednesday, 13 April

**NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES**

Cartoon
- Thursday, 14 April

**THE GREEN PROMISE**

Woodland Cafe
- Friday, 15 April

**RED CANYON (Color)**

Inch by Inch  
News
- Saturday, 16 April

**SWELL GUY**

Bit of Blarney

A sailor visited his girl friend the other night. He picked up an apple from a large bowl of fruit. "Have one," he offered. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away, you know."

Looking at her swain with hardened eyes, the girl replied, "It's too late for apples now."

**The Sporting Scene**

By Armed Forces Press Service

The "Intentional Walk," a pet peeve of many baseball fans, received its share of attention when organized baseball's rules committee met at Sarasota, Florida, recently. In a day-long session, the committee changed rules governing the strategic walk, altered the balk rules, outlawed the "claw" glove and made a change in the "dead" ball provisions.

Uniform rules for both major leagues also was considered in the meeting and recommendations were made concerning obstruction rules, catchers' interference with batters and many other controversial problems.

The following were among the more important changes made:

1. In case of an intentional pass the catcher must keep within the lines of the catcher's box until the ball has left the pitcher's hand. In case he violates this rule, a balk will be called. At the same time the pitcher must take the position defined in the rules while delivering the ball.

2. A balk will be called on a pitcher who straddles the rubber without the ball in his possession or stands in position to pitch without the ball. Also, if he stands in position to pitch, then drops the ball, it too shall be called a balk.

3. If the pitcher steps off the mound to wipe his glasses, adjust his clothing or pick up the resin bag, then drops the ball, the umpire "may" call the ball dead. Previously the rule read "shall" call the ball dead. The new wording will allow base runners to attempt an advance.

5. Effective 1950, the "claw" glove used by most first basemen will be banned. The committee felt that the glove violated all specifications and gave the first sacker a little too much of an edge on the hitter.

These four rulings were written into the 1949 rules while other recommendations were referred to a three-man committee which is to work on proposed changes during the coming year.

Among the suggestions to be considered by the committee are changes to the obstruction rule, catcher's interference, and scoring between a tag out and an out on an appeal play.

The present rule allows an advance of one base, the one to which the runner was going, in the case of obstruction. The proposal is that the umpire be allowed to decide whether or not this is sufficient and at his discretion order an advance of one or more bases.

The scoring between a tag out and out on an appeal play deals with a situation such as this: With one out and runners on first and second the

batter hits safely. The man running from first is tagged out between second and third. The runner from second scores and the hitter holds up at second. However, the hitter failed to touch first on his way around and is finally called out after an appeal by the defending team. Under present rules the run scored does not count. The rules committee is of the opinion that a run should be scored.

Interference with the batter, on the part of the catcher, has resulted in the ball being declared dead and limits any base runners to advancing only to the base for which they were headed. It was suggested that this rule be changed to allow play to continue, thus enabling the runners to take more than one base after the interference.

The three-man committee also will consider the infield fly rule and rulings in the cases of freak situations such as the ball lodging in Umpire Van Graflan's pocket during an International League game last season. Or when it wedges in an umpire's mask as it did to Johnny Stevens in Boston.

**Laboratory Trims Married Chiefs; Regain Loop Lead**

In the feature of last week's bowling schedule, the hard rolling laboratory pinsters upset the married Chiefs by taking 3 points and getting a hold on first place for the first time in two weeks. The only thing the Married CPO's could salvage was the third game, while the lab took the first two and the total pins for their three.

In other games last week, the CPO Quarters matched pins three times, taking 4 points from the Pharmacy and 3 from Out-Patient Department before X-Ray cooled them off by slipping away with 3 tallies.

X-Ray also took three points from Dental, and the Nurses and Pharmacy split in the remainder of last week's encounters.

High bowler of the week was L. E. Canaday of CPO Quarters with a three-game series of 518.

**Vitamin "C" — See? Sil**



ANYBODY WANT an orange? Help yourself mate, we've got thousands of 'em. In fact so many that V. T. Thompson, HMI, can practice his juggling act with 3 of them. They are part of the 250 crates sent to Oak Knoll yearly by the Texas Oil Company for distribution to the wards and Hospital Corps quarters.

The one who thinks our jokes are poor, Would straightaway change his views, Could he compare the ones we print With the ones we couldn't use.

She: "Marry you? Why, you haven't enough money to keep me in clothes."

He: "Honey, that doesn't take money. That takes will-power."

From Calif. Farm. First Pig: "Have you seen your boy friend lately?"

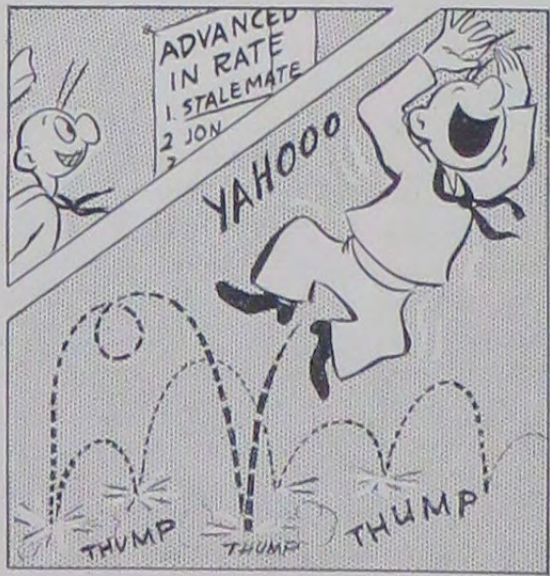
Second Pig: "No, but I had a litter from him last week."

**League Standings**

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|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Laboratory              | 27 |
| 2. Married Chiefs          | 26 |
| 3. Property and Accounting | 23 |
| 4. X-Ray                   | 22 |
| 5. Pharmacy                | 17 |
| 6. CPO Quarters            | 12 |
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**STALEMATE**

By Ed Hughes, LI3



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## It's a Sad Situation

Every man has the privilege of formulating his own ideas about things. It is even considered an accomplishment to be able to form one's own opinions. A great deal can be learned from the comparison of people's tastes and opinions.

But—Let's not all compare our criticisms of a movie while the movie is in progress. Someone may somewhere be appreciating it. So why ruin his enjoyment because you are not entertained? The average intelligent man takes it for granted that his neighbor perceives the "corn" on the screen. He doesn't have to wait for cowboy "Ah-hahs" and groans.

On the other hand, we all appreciate the parabolic proportions of the Hollywood female. It doesn't take a scream and a pounding on the head from the fellow in the row behind to awaken our minds. We're living, too.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

On Easter, we celebrate the triumph of Christ over death. How many of the earth's children believe in this resurrection? No one of us could answer that, but it is quite obvious that through commercialization of the day, many more celebrate it than believe in it.

If Jesus could only stand before the world today and say as he did to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side and be not faithless but believing," we might more readily believe the things that are spoken of Him. We might even dare to live as though we believed Him to be the risen Lord, the Son of the living God—that his words regarding the life and destiny of man are true—that his ideals are within reach of those who are convinced of their truth and empowered by His Spirit to seek their fulfillment. But this is not God's way! What He has done through Jesus to show us what He is like was done once and for all. It was witnessed and the facts were recorded. We can ignore the facts or we can accept them by faith. If we ignore them, we live unto ourselves—to give unto the world what we will and to take what life measures unto us. "Life is what we make it, so let's make it good while it lasts." When enough men and women are committed to this philosophy of life there is no hope but for the same sort of selfishness, sinfulness, wrangling, disputes, conflict and war that has marked the story of our past. If we believe these facts which God revealed in Christ we can hope for something better.

If we believe that His perfect life, His unjust death, and His resurrection established Him as the true Son of God and that what happened to Him was purposed by a God who wanted us to make more of life than we apparently could do by ourselves, then what Jesus said and taught should be the rule by which we guide our lives, the path by which we walk, the stars by which we set our course. Jesus substituted for the external self-seeking righteousness, the thought of piety as consisting in love to God and one's neighbor—to a God who is Father and a neighbor who is a brother—manifested primarily in an attitude of the heart and inward life, the fruit of which is external acts of goodness to all. The motive power of that life is personal allegiance to Jesus as a revelation of the Father and a belief that His death was not the end—a risen Lord, in the exaltation of glory yet ever interested in man and his salvation.

That is what we think about, are grateful for, and celebrate on Easter whether we are in bed, on duty, or in Church if the day is held in proper regard.

Chaplain Robert F. McComas

**OUR COVER PICTURE.** This 75 foot cross, symbolic of the Easter message, stands in Oak Hill Cemetery on the Monterey Highway south of San Jose. It was photographed for the Oak Leaf by C. F. Sukanek, staff photographer.

## Divine Services



Holy Week and Easter Schedule of Chapel Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School ..... 1000  
Nursery ..... 1100  
Easter Service ..... 1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Easter Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions Saturday—1900  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.  
Thursday Mass—0630  
Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-three births were recorded in Oak Knoll's out-patient department during the week of April 3-9. They were:

### April 3

TUFT, Susan Jo—To wife of Robert Tuft, LT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
PEARCE, Henry Ellwood — To wife of Henry E. Pearce, YN1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.  
DELPHENICH, Sharon Kaye—To wife of Robert J. Delphenich, 8 pounds.  
SMITH, Sharon Elaine—To wife of Melton Smith, M/Sgt., 5 pounds, 14 ounces.  
SMITH, Cheryl Diann—To wife of Melton Smith, M/Sgt., 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
KEITH, Patricia Ann—To wife of Irwin Keith, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
WRIGHT, Allen Vincent — To wife of Daniel Wright, Cpl., 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

### April 4

MATHIEU, Ronald Conrad—To wife of Roger A. Mathieu, ADC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
WALTERS, William George—To wife of David W. Walters, AD3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
GRINSELL, Kenneth Alan—To wife of Melvin Grinsell, RD3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
DUNNE, Charles Walter — To wife of Charles V. Dunne, EM1, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

### April 5

BALLARD, Baby Boy—To wife of Homer C. Ballard, HM1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
REEDY, Linda Marie—To wife of Elwyn G. Reedy, EN2, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.  
WUEBBENS, Stephen Alfred—To wife of Alfred L. Wuebbens, HM, 7 pounds.  
SMITH, Baby Boy—To wife of Laurence Smith, CMDR, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
CATCHING, Baby Boy—To wife of Fredrick Catching, Cpl., 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
HARMON, Paul Winslow—To wife of Alfred W. Harmon, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
SAUNDERS, David Ivan — To wife of Ivan Saunders, RD1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
FITZGERALD, Baby Boy—To wife of Jack R. Fitzgerald, LT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

### April 6

PIPER, Larry William—To wife of William L. Piper, ET3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
READ, Baby Girl — To wife of Hill P. Read, BMC, 7 pounds, 4½ ounces.  
FISH, Duane Lee—To wife of Hazen C. Fish, GMC, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.  
LE BRUN William Andre—To wife of Edward M. LeBrun, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
HOWD, Diana Lynn—To wife of Clinton A. Howd, AD1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**EN GARDE!!** Maybe you think the days of the fabulous D'Artagnon and his Three Musketeers, the clash of sabres and the ominous whispering of steel as epees cross, are gone forever. Maybe in the light of atomic progress it is. But, in the field of sport and skill it most certainly is not and, in dueling or fencing, you must look your opponent squarely in the eye to anticipate his moves.

Two masters of the art and prominent members of the Olympic Club team will give a dramatic exhibition in the Red Cross Lounge at 1900 Monday night, April 18. **LOUIS LA PAILLADE**, former Stanford University star and recent winner of the intermediate foils crown will pit his skill against "**JACK**" **DEMSEY**, ex-captain of the University California team in a demonstration of the use of three types of weapon, the Foil, Epee, and Sabre.

**ECLIPSING DAME NATURE!** If you should walk into ward 71B you'll think you wandered into the California Spring Garden Show by mistake. **Mr. F. C. MEYER**, veteran patient, is responsible for this floral profusion which actually is constructed from paper and tin cans. Several other patients have made and added their own creations to this amazing display which is so varied and colorful that mother nature would have a hard time figuring which was her own!

**BEAUTY SPOT!** It won't be long before Oak Knoll Hospital will be one of the most beautiful spots in the East Bay with the interest and assistance of local gardening groups and generous garden nurseries! **Mrs. M. V. WOOD** of the Oakland Chapter, Red Cross, found a ready response to requests for flowers and expert help from the Oak Knoll Garden Club in this community. Ward 66A was the first to take advantage of landscaping assistance and **Dr. GEORGE FRENCH**, patient, conferred with **Mrs. J. J. McCrohan** of the garden club as to what was most needed to beautify ward 66A-B. As a result the Sunset Nurseries of Oakland sent flats of stocks, pansies, and sweet Williams. **Podesta** and **Boschetto** in San Leandro and **Nazlets Nursery** in Oakland contributed rose bushes and they are already planted in a tasteful array about the ward. Any amateur **GARDENERS** on the other wards? Talk to your Red Cross worker for help and materials. This way we can help our limited, hard working hospital gardening crew!!

### April 7

BLAKEY, Kenneth Allen—To wife of Ernest Blakey, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

### April 8

MISCHAK, Stephanie—To wife of Stefan Mischak, BMC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
FOSTER, Ann Marie—To wife of Roland Foster, CHMach., 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

### April 9

ROSE, Jackie—To wife of Richard Rose, AO3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
MAIER, Harold Franklin, Jr.—To wife of Harold F. Maier, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
BONVILLIAN, John Glynn II—To wife of John G. Bonvillian, LTJG, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
LONGFIELD, Mary Lou—To wife of John N. Longfield, LTJG, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
WILKINSON, Larty Alex—To wife of Harold A. Wilkinson, AM2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
BISIAR, Edward Joseph, Jr.—To wife of Edward J. Bisiar, LTJG, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.



## BuMed To Decide On Assignment Of Navy Bone Banks

According to plans recently announced by Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Surgeon General of the Navy, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will set up Bone Banks in some of its Naval Hospitals. In announcing the plans, RADM Swanson stated that "there is sufficient evidence that Bone Banks are now justifiable as a therapeutic provision for Naval Hospitals."

The Bureau is currently conducting a study to determine which Naval Hospitals should have the banks. Rapidly improving methods of freezing and preserving bone have made possible this step in bone grafting.

For the past 16 months Lt. George W. Hyatt, Navy Medical Corps, has been a resident in orthopedic Surgery at the Lahey Clinic in Boston, and in his report to the Surgeon General he pointed out the following advantages of Bone Banks.

1. They shorten operating time by about thirty percent in the average case.

2. In autogenous operations (moving a patient's bone from one area to another) one operation will suffice, whereas two or more have been required.

3. By not being subjected to a long and tedious operation, patients have recovered more quickly, and have complained of less pain and used fewer pain allaying drugs.

4. In removal of the autogenous grafts the need for a second operating team is reduced and the routine blood transfusion is almost eliminated.

Dr. Hyatt also stated that "In four years the Bone Bank has grown from experiment to a standard orthopedic institution." Frozen human bone has been used for bone graft operations successfully after being stored in a regular ice cream cabinet for as long as 308 days.

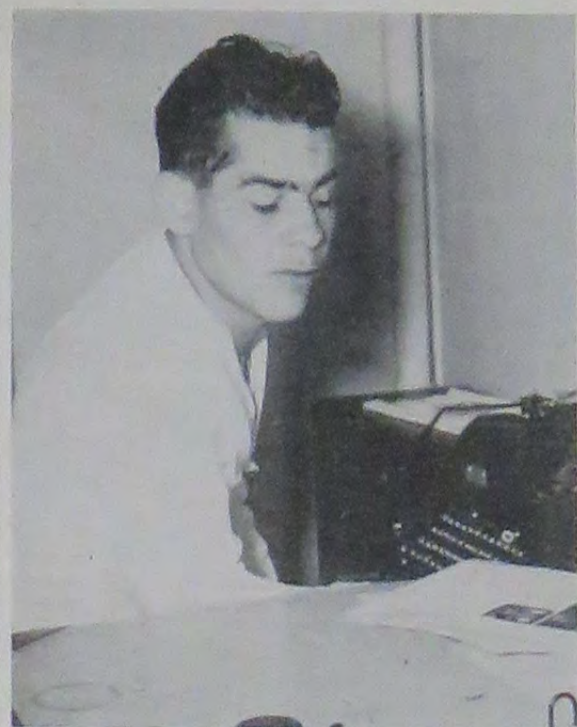
You've probably heard about the skinny girl at the dance: she wore next to nothing—and she wore it next to nothing.



Oak Knolls enlisted staff was increased by 25 last week when as many men reported from HCS, San Diego. They were Avellar, A. J.; Bartholomew, D. L.; Bartley, R. E.; Bottom, S.; Fehlman, W. M.; Freeman, W. W.; Gann, R. N.; Hawkins, E.; Irvine, R.; Jones, H. W.; Jose, M. G.; Krzyminski, L. A.; Lisi, G.; Layette, H. R.; Ortiz, M.; Pavlakis, P.; Pratt, J. J.; Rogalinski, R. J.; Rumsey, F. A.; Siddall, J. D.; Venne, L. C.; Warrick "W" "T"; Weaver, T.; Weltman, T. R.; and Fuzzell, D.

Also received for temporary additional duty was R. S. Wilbur, LTJG, MCR, from 50 Fell St., San Francisco, and CAPT A. C. Hohn, LTJG, returned from temp. add. duty at Coronado, California.

## Who's Who On The Compound



One of the more experienced aspirants for the Oak Knoll Softball squad this year is **Bernard Luciano**, HA. Luciano certainly has the background to be of great assistance to the Knoll diamond squad, having lettered in this sport at Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco.

Three years on Sandlot teams in the San Francisco Area have tended to increase his know-how of the game. Baseball, however is not the only sport in which this native Californian participates. He has also mixed a little football in while attending the City College of San Francisco.

Luciano enlisted in the Navy in San Francisco in March of 1948, and after his recruit training and Hospital Corps School in San Diego, he reported here on 1 July, 1948. Currently he is detailed in the Chaplains Office.

In his off hours, Luciano prefers a bit of dancing to afford relaxation.



Tools serve as a hobby and a livelihood for **A. C. Mathis**, a civilian plumber at Oak Knoll since 14 February, 1947.

The livelihood is for Mathis, his wife Marjorie, and a pair of youngsters, David Lee who is 4½ years old and Ina Mae, who is the ripe old age of 2. He and his wife and children reside at 19287 Redwood Boulevard, Hayward, Calif.

Born in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Mathis served in the Army for 5 years, of which 2 were spent in the Philippines, and 6 months in Tokio, Japan.

When quitting time comes, Mathis prefers to go home to another set of tools and tinker with motors to pass the time.

A Naval Hospital, the same as any other place, has its problems with vehicles. Here at Oak Knoll, **James K. McElroy**, HM1, has been in the Traffic Office since October of 1948 taking care of other people's parking places.

Born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Jim enlisted in the Navy in his home state in 1943. From 1944 until the end of the past world conflict, he served aboard the USS Bladen, APA 63.

After re-enlistment and rehabilitation leave "Mac" was transferred to the U. S. Naval Military Government on Yap, in the Caroline Islands—from there to Independent Duty school in Portsmouth, and then to Oak Knoll on 23 October, 1947.

Recreation and hobbies all come under one heading and one word for Jim. Liberty.



For most of us, being sworn into the Navy was just routine. But for **Jerry L. Gorman**, HN, it was an occasion. For on Navy Day, 27 October 1947, he was sworn into the service at a dinner at the Hotel Leamington in Oakland by RADM E. W. Sylvester, Commanding Officer of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremmerton, Washington.

Once the formality of the swearing in was over, though, Gorman took his place in the ranks of the bluejackets. His recruit indoctrination and Corps School days were spent in San Diego, and on 8 May 1948 he reported to Oak Knoll.

Gorman was born in Walla Walla, Washington, but enlisted in Oakland, where he now lives. Currently he is assigned to the Eye Clinic here at the hospital.



## Armed Forces Group Visits Oak Knoll, Sees Metabolic Unit

Members of the Committee on Medical Sciences for the National Military Establishment's Research and Development Board visited Oak Knoll Tuesday, coming to this installation to see the Metabolic Research Unit.

Representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force, and civilian medicine make up this group, which has been appointed to study all aspects of medical and allied sciences of interest to the National Military Establishment. Their purpose is to visit research and development activities, evaluating the adequacy of such facilities, their personnel, and the equipment currently available, in order to estimate future requirements.

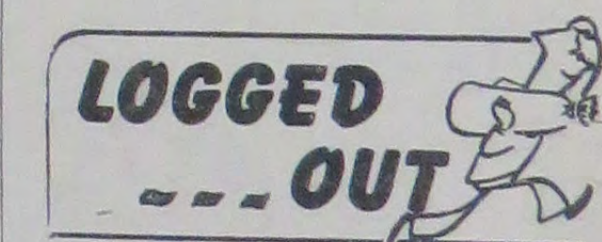
With the Commanding Officer and Dr. Laurance W. Kinsell, civilian consultant and director of the research which has been conducted here for the past two years under University of California—Navy auspices, the visiting doctors spent the morning discussing the work of the research staff and inspecting present facilities. At 12 o'clock they met for lunch at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

In the group were Dr. Francis G. Blake, chairman; Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, Dr. John S. Lockwood, Brig. Gen. George E. Armstrong, USA; Col. Don Longfellow, MC, USA; Capt. W. P. Dana, MC, USN; Capt. Charles W. Shilling, MC, USN; Capt. Christopher C. Shaw, MC, USN; LCDR Ralph L. Christy, MC, USN; Brig. Gen. John Hargreaves, MC, USAF; Lt. Col. Robert H. Blount, Major Hal Bridges, CDR Earle E. Metcalfe, Major James B. Nuttall, MC, USAF; Dr. Wallace O. Fenn, Dr. Joseph Sadusk, Jr., Dr. James E. McCormack, and Dr. William H. Fitzpatrick.

The only person in the world with less pocket space than a sailor is a nudist.

Papa Robin: "What's this strange looking egg doing in our nest?"

Mamma Robin: "Oh, I just did it for a lark."



Transferred to other duty stations during the past week were J. L. Calland, to Naval Station, Treasure Island; Marcus D. McAnally, to N.A.S., Monterey, California; and LTJG E. P. Woodward, MC, to NOB, Saipan, M. I.

Detached to temp. add. duty was CAPT R. M. Gillett, MC, Executive Officer, to Washington, D. C. Detached from duty was LTJG F. A. Pellagrin, MCR, from 14 days training cruise.

Discharged to civilian life was ENS Margaret M. Bishop, NC.; LTJG Grace Mahady, NC.; and LT Jeanette V. Counts, NC.



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CANCER DRIVE IS ON

The American Cancer Society's annual drive for funds is now in progress. Money raised in the drive will be spent for education and research to aid the medical profession's attack against cancer. LCDR Robert F. McComas is chairman of the campaign at this hospital, and all hands are urged to contribute.

Lab Victory Over Married Chiefs Is Marked Off Books

The standings in the Station Bowling League were thrown into a turmoil this week when it was discovered that in the match between the Married Chiefs and Laboratory, the Lab had used an ineligible man, and the final results were disallowed. Then in the roll-off of the disputed match, the lab failed to appear, thus forfeiting 4 points to the Married CPOs.

The forfeit, plus a four point loss to Property and Accounting, dropped the Lab keggers to third place, six points off the pace set by the Married Chiefs and P & A.

The teams to make the most advancement during the week were Dental and P & A. Dental took four points each from O. P. D. and the Nurses to move from eight to seventh. P & A took four points from the Lab and CPO Quarters to move from third to a tie with the Married Chiefs for first.

High game of the week was rolled by Chief C. O. Martin who toppled the pins for P & A. Martin had a three-game series of 529 for the honors.

1. Married Chiefs	35
2. Property and Accounting	35
3. Laboratory	29
4. X-Ray	23
5. Pharmacy	25
6. CPO Quarters	22
7. Dental Clinic	20
8. Out-Patient Department	17
9. Nurses	10

Introducing . . . . . Needles



Beginning this week, a new character steps into the pages of the "Oak Leaf." His name is "Needles." He is any Hosapp, just out of Corps School, but not dry behind the ears when it comes to the procedures of a Naval Hospital. His trials and tribulations are many as he strives to please in the good old U.S.N. In the above picture, he beams approvingly as his creator, E. G. Bransford, HA, ward corpsman on 64, puts the finishing touches on his portrait. (P.S.—This Master-at-Arms force really gets around, don't they?)



Two new books recently received in the Hospital Library should prove of interest to men who are in the field of electronics: **Industrial Electronics Maintenance**, by R. C. Roetger and **Elementary Industrial Electronics**, by William Wellman. And for the photographer: **35 mm Photo Technique**, by H. S. Newcombe and **Your Camera**, by W. D. Emanuel. For those interested in World War II: **Hitler And His Admirals**, by A. K. Martienssen; **Persuade or Perish**, by Wallace Carroll (the role of propaganda in wartime); **Balkan Politics**, by J. S. Roucek; **Mirror For Americans: Japan**, by Helen Mears; **Master of the Girl Pat**, by G. B. Osborne; **The Rape of Poland**, by Stanislaw Mikolajczyk; **The Language of World War II**, by A. M. Taylor.

Other new non-fiction titles: **Introduction to Economic Science**, by G. H. Soule; **Baseball for Everyone**, by Joe Di Maggio; **Tracks and Trail Craft**, by Ellsworth Jaeger; **Primer for Home Builders**, by J. A. Carpenter; **Week-End Painter**, by L. V. Burton; **The Set of the Sails**, by Alan Villiers; **The Book of Great Conversations**, edited by Louis Biancolli;

Phil Bovero To Play For Dance Wednesday

Phil Bovero, "The man with the Clarinet," will bring his band to the Oak Knoll Auditorium on Wednesday, 20 April for an all hands dance. The dance will begin at 2000 and last until 2300.

Bovero is heard every Saturday afternoon and evening on radio station KGO in San Francisco, where he is musical director. Previous to organizing his own band, he was arranger for Horace Heidt, and played in Freddy Martin's great aggregation.

Featured vocalist with the band is Nadia Cannon.

**The World From Jackson Square**, by Etolia Basso; **A Faith for You**, by B. P. Church; **The Standard Book of Household Pets**, by Jack Baird.

For the detective fan: **Framed in Guilt**, by Day Keene; **Not Negotiable**, by Manning Coles; **My Little Wife**, by William Worley; **All Men Are Liars**, by John Strange; **The Steel Mirror**, by Donald Hamilton.

Last week the **Oakland Tribune** sent in a number of copies of their Yearbook of Oakland. The colorful booklet is available for the asking in the library to all who are interested. Many of you will remember their last year's Yearbook and will want this year's issue.

• Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 17 April  
MA AND PA KETTLE  
Heart of Paris  
News

Monday, 18 April  
THE GREAT WALTZ

Tuesday, 19 April  
FLAMINGO ROAD  
Wise Quackers

Wednesday, 20 April  
BLONDIES BIG DEAL  
Static in the Attic

Thursday, 21 April  
PRIDE OF THE YANKEES

Friday, 22 April  
BARKLEYS OF BROADWAY  
(Color)  
News

Saturday, 23 April  
BLACK BART (Color)  
Overture to William Tell



"You say you don't know anything? Good! We won't have to break you in."





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## 51 Oak Knoll Chauffeurs Receive Safe Driving Awards



After being rewarded for their safe driving of government vehicles, this group of naval and civilian personnel lined up to have their pictures taken. Captain Cook presented the awards.

## Civilians Outline New Plan for Blood Donors

Proposed at last Friday's mass meeting of civil employees is a plan for a Blood Bank activity similar to one which was in operation at U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, during Captain S. S. Cook's tour of duty as Medical Officer in Command.

Under the plan suggested, all civilian employees who wish to donate to the Blood Bank would do so voluntarily. The hospital would in return guarantee to provide the donor and his immediate dependents with blood free of charge in case of need. Free blood would be supplied to any civilian or military hospital in which the employee or his dependents may be hospitalized. Such a program would be of mutual benefit to the hospital and the employee. Workers would be called to the bank as donations are needed, and the employee would be excused from work to make his donation.

Further discussion of the plan will take place at the next meeting of the board of governors of CEA. Meanwhile, workers wishing to participate are asked to indicate their interest by calling the civilian personnel office.

## BUSS VACCINATES CHILD

**Pittsburgh (AFPS)**—George Smith, 3, has been vaccinated for smallpox the easy way—without an injection.

The youngster felt sorry about his sister Audrey's vaccination and gave her an affectionate kiss near the hurt.

A vaccination has now blossomed on Georgie's left cheek. Physicians explained some of the vaccine must have gotten in a scratch on the youngster's face.

## Learn Boogie, Blues, Or Bach; Enroll In U.C. Music Classes At Oak Knoll

Through arrangements with the University of California, Oak Knoll staff members now have an opportunity to study music here at the hospital.

Eight persons have already signed up for piano classes, which will hold their first meeting on May 4, and more are expected to enroll in piano, choral, and instrumental groups following a special organization meeting scheduled for 1900 Wednesday, April 27, in the Educational Services classroom, topside, Building 133.

Piano lessons will be given by University Extension Division instructors, with four students in a class, grouped according to their abilities. Advanced students as well as those who have never had a lesson may apply for admission to the classes.

In accordance with BuPers directive No. 224-48 of November 1948, the Navy will pay up to \$25 a semester for each course, with a maximum of two courses per semester. At Camp Stoneman, where army men have been taking advantage of this opportunity for some time, the classes are set up to meet for 10 weeks, with one and a half hour periods each week. The fee for piano lessons is \$37.50, for band instrumentation \$15. Fees may vary slightly with the choice of an instructor and the size of the class.

All staff members interested in studying music, seriously or for fun, are invited to attend the meeting Wednesday night, when Miss Madi Bacon, head of the U. C. Extension Division Music Studios, will discuss the program. In the meantime, any

inquiries concerning the music classes should be directed to William N. Wilson, HMC, of Educational Services.

## Oak Knoll Pirates Round Into Shape; Loop Play Begins

Oak Knoll's Pirates will play the second game of the young softball season next Tuesday on the home diamond, with N.A.S. Moffett Field affording the opposition. The game will begin at 1500.

The Knollites have been practicing steadily for the past few weeks and have one game under their belts. LCDR McComas, team coach, has announced the probable starting lineup for the Moffett Field game:

Kitigawa, p; Lazo, c; Wilson, 1b; West, 2b; Ellis, 3b; Lalla, ss; Gelien, lf; Hunter, cf; Broaddus, rf.

Meanwhile, the schedule for the 12ND league has been announced. The Knollites will play 12 league games, six on the home diamond. The schedule:

26 April	N.A.S. Moffett Field
28 April	At E.M.S. Treasure Island
3 May	At Alameda
5 May	At N.A.S. Oakland
10 May	VR-2, N.A.S. Alameda
17 May	At PacResFlt., Alameda
19 May	At N.A.S. Moffett Field
24 May	EMS Treasure Island
26 May	Fleet Aircraft, Alameda
31 May	N.A.S. Oakland
2 June	At VR-2 Alameda

All home games will start at 1500.

## Six Years Without Mishap Is Record Of Henry Bourdase

Fifty-one Oak Knoll chauffeurs, service and civilian, were recently awarded safe driving certificates for their accident-free performance of duty at this station. Presentation was made by Captain S. S. Cook, Medical Officer in Command.

Henry E. Bourdase received his award for a six-year record of safe driving, and Fred A. Robinson, Edwin F. Buker, and Earl Mountain qualified for five-year certificates. Other awards went to Harry M. Wood, Charles D. Peralta, Fletcher Lyon, Robert Post, and James Turner—four years; Henry Moser, Pat E. Monegan, Joseph Malerick—three years; Brison F. Wilson, HMC, Walter Carter, Edwin G. Anderson, Melvin M. Fowler, Rollin J. Gordon, Daniel S. Smith, Clarence Wheat, Robert Price, Ora Godwin, Donald L. Eschen, Leo Knoweles, Edward C. Kvale, Isadore J. Lore, George F. Hunter, Charles Auer, John C. Bray, A. G. Mathis, Elmer Harrington, Ralph Dilbeck, and Robert Ferguson—two years.

One-year safe driving awards went to Robert L. Griffin, HMC, Quentin V. Brandon, HMC, Edward H. Brown, HMC, Raymond M. Oswald, HMC, Charles Hasson, HM1, James C. Locke, HM1, James K. McElroy, HM1, George F. McGowan, HM1, David E. McConnell, HM3, Elton L. Traylor, HM3, Wayne A. Hartman, Jack F. Wells, James L. Reams, Anthony O. Meranda, Robert J. Amburgey, William H. Maxey, Graydon Bannert, C. H. Foreman, George C. Cummings.

## Keglers to Hold Annual Outing at Temescal

The hospital bowling league will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, 24 April, at Lake Temescal Regional park.

There will be plenty of food and drink, and prizes for all. And don't worry about junior—even baby sitters are furnished.

The picnic will be from 1000 to sunset, and for the keggers who need transportation, a bus will leave Ship's Service at 1000.

**FOUND:** A Shaeffer fountain pen, in front of ward 64B on Tuesday, 12 April. The owner can claim the pen by contacting Bowater at transportation, Ext. 134.



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## Help Fight Cancer—Give

This week the American Cancer Society is asking your help in combating one of nature's worst diseases. The goal for California for 1949 is \$1,050,253. It will take the support of each and every individual in the state to reach that goal.

Here in the hospital, we can see what cancer really is. We can see how it affects a person. We can see that it plays no favorites; it strikes regardless of race, creed, or color.

Cancer is curable in its early stages. But the mortality rate of cancer is amazing. In California alone, it kills over 14,000 people each year. More children die of cancer in one year than of all other childhood diseases combined.

Your gift to the cancer drive in Alameda County, provides tumor boards, home nursing, special assistance to the needy, bandages, drugs, and much more.

Throughout the hospital, cannisters have been distributed for collection of funds for the drive. Give what you can. Your dollars in 1949 will save lives in 1950.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Preaching is more than just the function of a Chaplain. By preaching, I do not mean merely a pronouncement from the pulpit upon a sacred theme, but rather the directing of the thoughts of man to God and His creation and His high purpose for man, the greatest product of His creative genius.

The most continuous preacher according to F. Howard Callohan, a minister, is the church building itself. When we think of our chapel and all it stands for, we can believe this. It is God's house, and every time we see it, we are reminded of Him. Its little spire is like a pointed finger directing our thoughts toward the infinite. It reminds us that regardless of how commendable we think we conduct ourselves before God and man, there is a more excellent way.

The condition of the chapel preaches too. An effort is made to keep it spotlessly clean. Those who use it should see that it is not made less so for their having been in it. It should say by its appearance, "here men and women give and do their best." It should make us think of how much better our world would be if men and women did their best in every realm of life.

The chapel through her beauty and on the strength of what she represents, preaches to you. You in turn through what you are preach to the world. God is working out His purpose for the world through you, therefore you owe it to yourself to make frequent use of the Chapel if you are to be equal to this responsibility life places upon you.

Robert F. McComas, Chaplain, USN

Dear Captain Cook:

On behalf of the American National Red Cross I want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the generosity of all at this hospital in their contributions to the 1949 Red Cross Fund Campaign.

The Total amount contributed, \$976.95, and the fact that this was \$157.18 more than the total contributed in 1948 attests to the interest and cooperation of all on board to the National program of services of the organization.

We are especially grateful to Chaplain McComas for his splendid service in organizing and accomplishing the campaign at this hospital.

Certainly the results are an indication of his success.

Our National, Area, and Chapter offices join me in extending our grateful thanks for the cooperation of all.

Very Sincerely Yours,

(Miss) Marie Adams, Field Director.

## Divine Services



### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School ..... 1000

Nursery ..... 1100

Church Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thurs-

day)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-nine births were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department during the week of April 10-16. They were:

### April 10

FADDIS, Donald Joseph—To wife of James W. Faddis, OM1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

### April 11

SEVERINO, Eugene Carl—To wife of Eugene Severino, AD1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

FOTI, Baby Girl—To wife of James J. Foti, HM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

MORRIS, Baby Boy—To wife of Robert Morris, GM1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

MARTIN, Terrence Lee—To wife of Charles Martin, HMC, 7 pounds.

CARR, Linda Faye—To wife of Jesse N. Carr, AM2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

CZAR, Ronald Michael—To wife of Michael Czar, ADC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

EVELYNE, Mark Joseph—To wife of Claude C. Evelyn, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

LARSON, Claire Lillie—To wife of Bertil E., Major, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

### April 12

LAWRENCE, Kerry Glenn—To wife of Gordon Lawrence, HM2, 8 pounds.

BURGESS, Thomas Lloyd—To wife of James Burgess, AM1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

### April 13

AKERS, Gerald Andrew—To wife of Forest A., ADC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

HARTLEY, Diana Lynn—To wife of Charles W. Hartley, AO1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

DONAVAN, Deborah Sue—To wife of Larry C., BM2, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

### April 14

DUPRIES, Michael Robert—To wife of James L., AM1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

GEIGER, Wendy Lee—To wife of Wilbur L., SN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

HICKS, Melanie Ann—To wife of Cecil H., AO1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

CROW, Dorothy Rae—To wife of Raymond H., YN3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

ALLARD, Margaret Angela—To wife of Lawrence, YNC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

HALE, Fielding John—To wife of Fielding J., BTC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

MASTEN, Christopher Michael—To wife of Wayne, EN3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

### April 15

O'NEILL, Patrick Edward—To wife of Ronald J., LTJG, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

## Red Cross Ramblings

"The Oak Knoll Five" played at the Officers' Wives tea recently, boogie woogie and lively western tunes adding "color" to the affair. This orchestra includes Joe Chiasson, MEFN, guitar; Al DeRosa, AA, steel guitar; Eugene Harbism, SN, drums; Ralph Bush, SA, guitar; and Jack Blanford, AN, Sax.

**NEW PATIENTS!** Come down to the A.R.C. lounge in Building 102 and get acquainted. Open house in the afternoons Monday through Friday. There is something going on every night:

Monday—1900—Sports Smoker with demonstrations of boxing, jujitsu, archery, and other sports.

Tuesday—1900—Dance night with Mills College hostesses.

Wednesday—1900—Camera Club and Open House with jam sessions and record making.

Thursday—1900—Dance night with University of California Hostesses.

Friday—1900—Folk and square dancing.

**NEXT WEEK** A new class of forty-five gray Ladies will have completed a two weeks' training course held at this hospital. They soon will be seen on the wards doing personal services and crafts in the afternoon, and being recreation hostesses for evening ward activities. There are all sizes and personalities—so be looking for some new faces.

## Navy Shifts Power To Atlantic Fleet

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy will keep 409 vessels in Atlantic waters during the coming fiscal year, and 285 in the Pacific, Navy officials announced recently.

To accomplish this ratio, 16 destroyers will be transferred from Pacific to the Atlantic fleet.

Disposition of the fleets will be as follows:

Aircraft carriers—six in the Atlantic—two in the Pacific.

Light carriers and escorts—eight in the Atlantic—three in the Pacific.

Battleships—One (The Missouri) in the Atlantic.

Cruisers—Twelve in the Atlantic—six in the Pacific.

Destroyers and escorts—117 in the Atlantic—53 in the Pacific.

Submarines—48 in the Atlantic—32 in the Pacific.

Amphibious craft—56 in the Atlantic—28 in the Pacific.

Mine and Patrol ships—61 in the Atlantic and 38 in the Pacific.

Auxiliaries—100 in the Atlantic—12 in the Pacific.

April 16

CORBETT, Robert James—To wife of Rudvard K., CS2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

WAL, Kathleen Ellen—To wife of William, AGAN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

ANKENEY, Diana Gay—To wife of Jack, Sgt., 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

WOOD, Edwin—To wife of Cecil E., ENC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

BRUNSON, David Fredrick—To wife of James N., BM3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

CHILDERS, Shirley Ann—To wife of Charles W., AOC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

BARTLEY, Stephen Nils—To wife of William M., LT., 7 pounds, 4 ounces.



# Who's Who On The Compound



M. J. Campbell, HN, USN

Isn't a wise thing to say anything about the sacred state of Oklahoma? Marvin Campbell, HN. He was born and reared in them thar hills—Edward, Okla., if you trace it down to one certain hill.

He enlisted in the Navy, (So you could see water, Marvin?) on 17 September 1947 at Enid, Oklahoma, and was sent to San Diego for recruit training. After the "Boots" ordeal, he went hospitalside and attended corps school.

On 20 March 1948 he reported to Oak Knoll, and can now be found driving a truck for the medical store room.

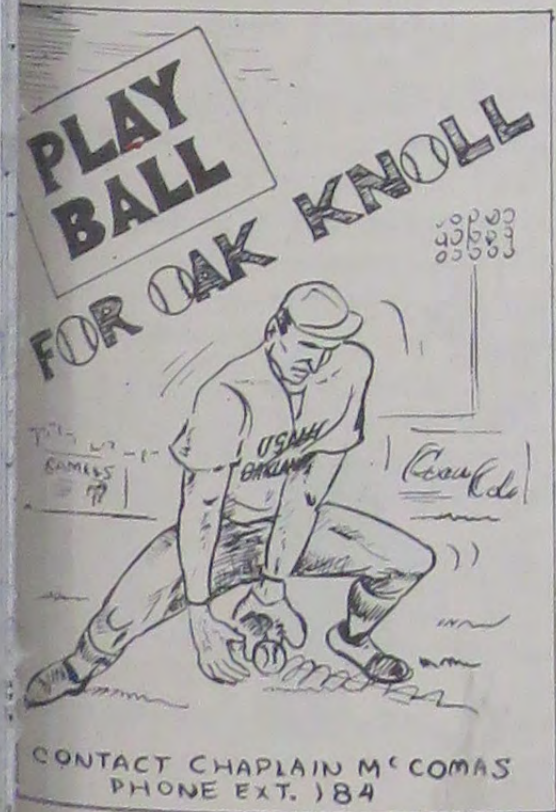
Marv uses his 6-foot frame to good advantage on the hardwood, having lettered in basketball four years in high school, and led the Oak Knoll letters during the past season with 14-point per game average.

Quite the sleeper, it takes ten men and a mule to drag him out of the sack at 6 a. m.

A generous woman had noticed that whenever she went along a certain street a down-and-out man stood in front of the pool room. One morning, feeling sorry for him, she slipped a dollar into his hand and whispered, "There's hope."

That evening, the same man stopped her and handed her \$6. "What does this mean?" she asked. "It means, mum, that There's Hope came in at 5 to 1."

The only trouble with suicide as a way out of trouble is that it's too dangerous.



W. A. Goodwin

For the past seven years, W. A. Goodwin has been a civil service employee in various naval stations, and since his arrival at Oak Knoll has been working in the plumbing shop.

An old Chief Motor Mac himself, Goodwin lives at 3945 Turnley Ave., in Oakland, with his wife Emma Mae and son Richard, age eight.

Goodwin came to Oak Knoll 15 March 1948 from the U. S. Naval Shipyard Hunters Point, San Francisco, and so by now he should be getting to know all about these leaky faucets.

To keep himself in shape, Goodwin prefers swimming to other recreation.



The enlisted staff of the hospital was increased by 16 last week, including 10 men from Hospital Corps School. Reporting aboard were Davenport, James V., HM2, from N.A.S. Monterey, Calif.; Bond, Harry B., HM2, from USS Amphion (AR-13); Petty, Alvis E., HMC, from USS Yancey, (AK-93); Amthor, Kirby G., HA, from Ft. Worth, Texas; Artman, Stephen S., HM3, from USNH, Houtson, Texas; and Shields, LaVerne D., HN, from N.A.S. Corpus Christie, Texas.

From HCS, San Diego came Alguire, B. K.; Bond, H. A.; Christie, R. W.; Cook, R. L.; Franes, O. L.; Hovatter, D. J.; Hunt, C. W.; Kratzer, W. W.; Phelps, L. J.; Robbins, F. R.

LT Helen G. Rittenhouse, (NC), reported from the USS Gen. Mann, (AP-112); and LTJG D. L. Taber, MCR, from NSD Clearfield, Utah.

Nothing gives you that run down feeling like jaywalking.

Telephone rings in newspaper office late Saturday night.

"Is this the religious editor?"

"Yes."

"This is Rev. Dr. Thirdly. You have the notes for my tomorrow morning's sermon?"

"Yes."

"Will you do me the favor to take Daniel out of the fiery furnace and put him in the den of lions?"



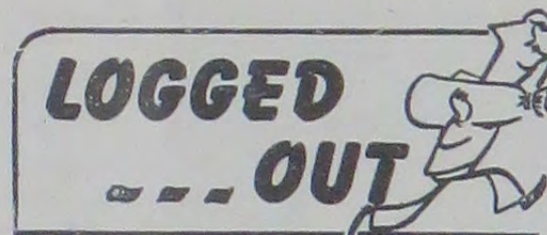
LCDR. R. E. Douglas, MC, USN

On 8 January 1949, LCDR Robert E. Douglas, MC, USN, celebrated eight years' service in the Navy. Since entering the Medical Corps after his graduation from McGill University in 1941, Dr. Douglas has had duty at a number of Navy installations.

His internship was spent at USNH Chelsea, Mass., and from there he was transferred to duty at Bethesda, Md., USNH Norman, Okla., the USS Fall River, and to Chelsea again. From there he reported to Oak Knoll. He also had a Navy Fellowship at the Lahey Clinic in Boston.

Boston, by the way, is the city Dr. Douglas calls home. In Oakland he lives at 7723 Crest Ave., with his wife Wanda.

In his leisure, Dr. Douglas, an ear, nose, and throat specialist, likes to get a fishing hook down the throat of a fish, and when hunting season rolls around, he enjoys a bit of that, too.



Transferred during the past week was Wood, E. D., HN, to NNMCMC, Bethesda, Md., for course of instruction in Laboratory; Diebner, W. E., HM3, and Smith, G. D., to NNMCMC, Bethesda, Md., for course of instruction in X-ray; McDuffey, J. (n), TN, to N.A.S. Alameda for duty; Conn, R. H., HA, Bergman, O. H., HA, and Huffman, W. H., HA, to N.A.S. Alameda, for duty.

Also transferred was Voorhees, Robert G., HA, to N.A.D. Hawthorne, Nevada; Spencer, B. L. R., to NSD Ogden, Utah; and Seal, E. F., HA, to N.A.S. Monterey, Calif.

LT J. A. Pease, MC, was transferred to 50 Fell St., San Francisco for temporary additional duty, and three nurses, LTJG Irvie Reese, (NC); ENS Mary Gorman, (NC); and ENS Norma Drysdale, (NC), were discharged to Civ. life.

Daffynition: Ships Service is a GI store that is out of gum, kleenex, and film—and is closed for inventory.

Oakland Parlor date: "Shall I leave the dim lights on, dear?"

Smooth Corpsman: "No, turn the dim things out."



Kathryn Robinson, HMC(W), USN

Trying to answer four phones keeps Kathryn Robinson, HMC, (W), busy at the OOD's desk. But if you know her, you know "Robbie" is just the gal who can do it.

She first saw the light of day at Pavonia, Ohio, and since then she has seen the light in a lot of other places. On 8 April 1943 she signed on the dotted line and was part of Uncle Sam's Navy. Before coming into the service she was in private nursing in Mansfield; so it is only right she should be in the hospital corps. Robbie has been stationed at New River, N. C., Portsmouth, Va., and Pearl Harbor. She reported to Oak Knoll 6 Sept. 1946 from the island base.

In her off hours, the WAVE chief enjoys fishing, photography, bowling and golf.

## FIGHT FAN FORGETS

St. Paul, Minn. (AFPS) — The Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby, Montana in 1923 certainly held the interest of the fans. One in particular.

Mrs. Jeanette Darling, 62, was granted a divorce on grounds of desertion. She explained to the judge that her husband went to the fight and hasn't been home since.

Wave: "I'll stand on my head or bust!"

Phys. Ed. Instructor: "Just stand on your head. We don't expect too much."



"Pardon Me, but are you the girl I talked to on the phone in the Corps Quarters at Oak Knoll?"



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## The Sporting Scene

This, baseball fans, is the time of year when everybody tries to become an expert. The baseball season opens and ump-teen thousands of sports writers try to tell the gullible public who to put their money on to win the American and National league pennants. Don't do it. Most of these characters don't know any more about the teams than Joe Fan.

But, this being a newspaper of sorts, and in keeping with the season, we will attempt to tell you who will win the flags in the respective leagues.

So, with hands in pockets and chin on chest, we bring you these predictions.

### American League

1. Boston. Pesky, Doerr, Stephens, Williams, Ferris, etc., etc., and still more etc. With the line-up the Red Sox present in the infield and the sluggers in the outfield, plus a manager with more than his share of baseball brains, how, pray tell me, can they miss?

2. Cleveland. This is the half of the Crosby-Hope world series that won't be around in the series. If Boudreau, Gordon and the rest of the Indians could duplicate their '48 performances, they could conceivably sneak into first place. But don't put your last buck on it.

3. Don't faint. Philadelphia. A very hustling ball club. As long as they hustle at the right time (during the ball games) they could fool a lot of people. Connie Mack included.

4. New York. No DiMaggio. 4th Place. Nuff Said!

5. Detroit. Good pitching. Hitting ain't so hot. Give them another year and they will step up. If the pitchers don't trip over their beards.

6. St. Louis. Doomed to finish 6th. If they are lucky.

7. Washington. Harry's gonna hate me for this.

8. Chicago. There are eight places in the league. We have used 7. It's a process of elimination. Thas' all.

### National League

1. Look's like Crosby will make it. Genial Billy Meyer has what looks to be the power of the N.L. for the next few seasons. Among other things they have about three pair of fleet feet that will drive catchers crazy on the basepaths.

2. Boston. If they come in again this year, Lady Luck is working overtime. The three S's (Sain, Spahn, and "Stinky" Stanky) can't do it again.

3. Brooklyn. Lots of promise. But nothing to bring them up this year. They have the youth and talent, but experience is a necessity.

4. New York. If Durocher can use his powerful lungs to blow some balls out of the park, the Giant's may finish here.

5. St. Louis. When will the front

office realize this is 1949, and its 1940-41 boys are not quite enough.

6. Chicago. Well, this is better than last year. So are the Cubs.

7. Philadelphia. Richie Ashburn just isn't enough, fellas.

8. Guess Who? Cincinnati. You win \$64. They win the booby prize.

To those of you who read this, (will wonders never cease) Congratulations. Personally, if we have one team in the right place, we'll be happy.

### SAGA OF AN HMC

"I had 12 bottles of liquor in my basement. The War Department (my wife) told me to empty the contents of each and every one down the sink, or else. So I proceeded with the unpleasant task. I withdrew the cork from the bottle of Scotch and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the bottle of rye and did likewise with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I then opened a bottle of good old bonded stuff (Mule's Hind Leg), and emptied all of it in the sink, except one glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from a bottle of gin and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and poured the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the cork from my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass, then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the bottles and corks and glasses with the other, which was twenty-nine. To make sure, I counted them again when they came by, and I had twenty-four. Then, as the house came by, I counted them again, and finally I had the house and bottles and the corks and the glasses counted except one house and one bottle, which I drank . . .

HMC: Beer, Please.

Bartender: Pale?

HMC: No, just a glass.

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When she's ripe for love, she'll drop into your lap.

## Bowling League Cut To Eight Teams As Laboratory Drops

The station bowling league was cut to eight participating teams this week when the Laboratory keglers dropped from competition. All teams who had taken points from the Lab lost those points, and when the new standings were announced, they found the Married Chiefs in undisputed possession of first place with 34 points.

In games during the past week, the Married Chiefs took four points from the Nurses, Property and Accounting took three from X-ray, Pharmacy blanked O.P.D., and the CPO Quarters shut out Dental.

High bowler of the week was Chief Amgwert of the Married CPO'S with a three game series of 515.

### Standings

1. Married Chiefs
2. Property and Accounting
3. Pharmacy
4. X-Ray
5. CPO Quarters
6. Dental Department
7. Out-Patient Department
8. Nurses Quarters

## 'Uncovered' Officers Will Return Salutes

(SEA)—When not wearing hats Navy officers now may return hand salutes tendered by Army and Air Force officers. The new regulation thus modifies for the first time Navy custom as old as the U. S. itself.

The new order was authorized by the Chief of Naval Personnel. It intends to eliminate any "embarrassment or misunderstanding" which might result from failure by naval officers to salute uncovered while in close contact with Army and Air Force officers. All Army and Air Force personnel must salute, even though uncovered.

Navy enlisted personnel are not affected by the new regulation.

Saluting only when covered has been a Navy custom since the Revolutionary War. The hand salute today was standardized by the 18 Navy Regulations.

About the only time mathematics falls down is after you've been subtracting from a fifth.

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Adam was the first guy to take good ribbing.

## STALEMATE



## Long Distance Call-Down



By Ed Hughes, LI3







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## U. C. Piano Classes To Open Wednesday; Sixteen Enrolled

Three classes of beginning piano students and one of advanced players will get into action on the local keyboards on May 4, according to word from the Educational Service Office, where an organization meeting was held Wednesday night with Miss Madi Bacon, head of the U. C. Extension Division Music Studios in charge.

Beginners who have signed up for the course are Lieutenants T. F. Gally, Opal Weakly, and Anna L. Erickson; Lieutenants (junior grade) J. V. Treat, R. N. Hedges, J. H. Lawson, and R. S. Ogren; Ensigns Margaret T. Barrow, Betty L. Gregario, Norma Jean Thompson, and Helena H. Gardzie; and B. F. Wilson, HMC.

In the advanced class are Ensigns Florence E. Farrell and Mary McCarty, LT J. P. Duane, and LTJG James A. Hardie.

Others interested in piano lessons or in choral and instrumental groups are asked to call Chief Wilson at the Educational Services Offices, Extension 221. In accordance with BuPers Directive No. 224-48, the Navy will pay up to \$25 a semester for each course, with a maximum of two courses per semester. Total cost of a series of ten hour and a half lessons is \$37.50.

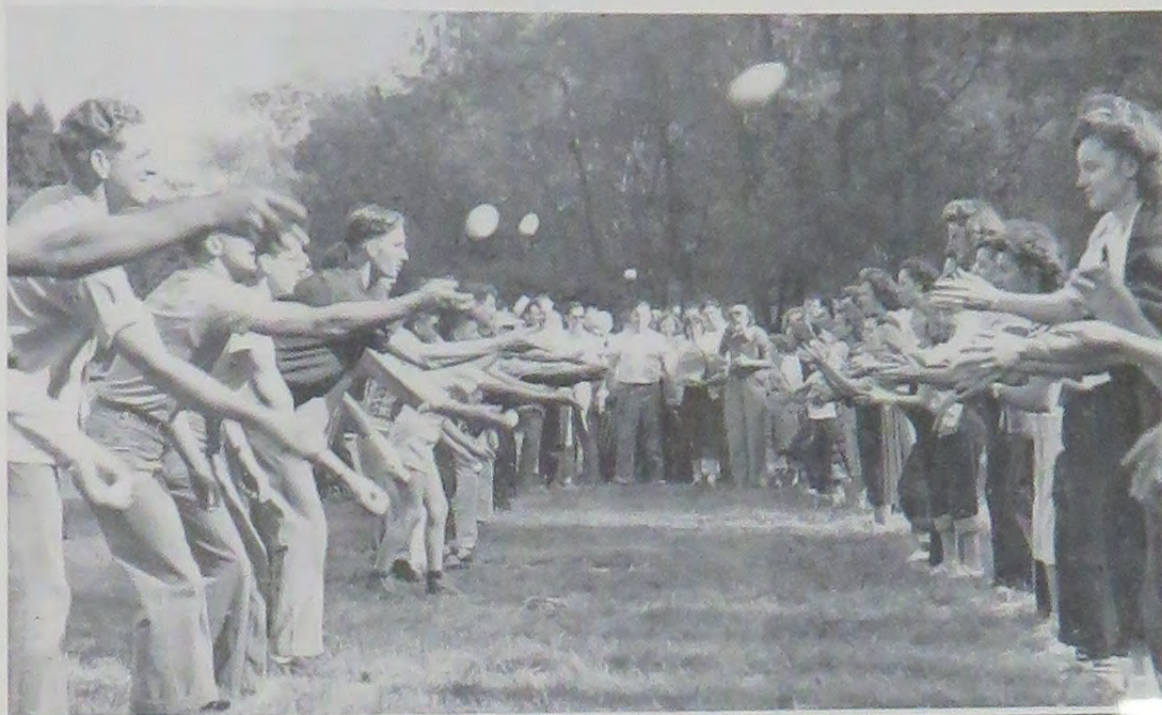
Those signing up for the classes have already been invited to attend a recital of students now enrolled in the piano and voice classes at the Berkeley studios of the Extension Division. There they will have an opportunity to judge the effectiveness of the University's instruction.

## Public Works Personnel Receive Safety Goggles

Eight Public Works men are wearing new safety glasses—the first consignment of goggles received as a result of Ortho-Rater examinations given in accordance with SecNav safety directives.

In July 1948 and March 1949, 119 men were checked by the Ortho-Rater, a device for determining the worker's individual needs. Forty of this number were found to need plain glasses. Sixty-six needed safety glasses with corrective lenses. It is expected that within the next two months all Civil Service Employees in the Public Works department will be protected by the official safety glasses.

## Bowlers Have Fun At Annual Picnic



The fact that the bowling picnic was a success is indicated by these pictures. There was plenty of time for everyone to eat, drink and be merry, and there was plenty to do it with.

One of the hi-lites of the outing was the egg throwing contest (top photo), won by Chief Keaton and his better half. The beginning of the ordeal saw quite a number of couples trying to plant the hen fruit in each other's hands without error. The field was reduced to four quickly, and Mr. and Mrs. Keaton won when an egg was demolished on "Waxy" Gordon's nose.

From the look on Chief Boyd's face (middle photo) Uncle Joe Buvid must have rapped one out in the softball game, as Chief Wilson dashes up to get his warclub and follow Joe in the box.

After all the exertion, one must eat; so everyone gathered around the fireplace for a little chow. They almost had roast pork when hefty A. Mills, HM2, of X-Ray, took after the greased shoat, caught it by a flying tackle, and almost crushed the "little" 150-pound porker.

## NAS Carnival Opens Navy Relief Drive; All Hands Invited

The period 4 May to 6 June, commemorating the Navy-Air-Marine battles of the Coral Sea and Midway, has been designated by the Navy Relief Society for the "Annual Call for Contributions."

In answer to this call, the staff, ComFair, Naval Air Station, Alameda, is sponsoring a benefit, about which complete information will be posted on the compound early in the week. Next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Naval Air Station, Alameda, will hold a three-day carnival, at which members of the Oak Knoll staff and their wives will be responsible for decorating and operating two booths. Profits from the ComFair benefit and the carnival will go to Navy Relief.

At this hospital staff personnel, patients, and civilian employees are urged to support the drive by attending these activities and by making voluntary contributions. These will be received by the Senior Chaplain anytime between 4 May and 6 June.

The sole purpose of Navy Relief, according to Chaplain McComas, is to assist men of the regular Navy and Marine Corps, their dependents, and widows of deceased personnel of the Naval Services.

## AMA Representative Inspects Oak Knoll

On Friday, April 22, Dr. Southard of the staff of the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education and Hospitals was here from Chicago to review the Graduate Training program. He and CDR R. H. Fletcher, MC, USN, head of the Training Branch, Professional Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, met with the Commanding Officer, Executive Secretary of the Training Committee, and the chiefs of services, and interviewed heads of various departments with regard to their part in the training program.

## CAPT. GILLETT RETURNS

Back at his desk Wednesday, Captain R. M. Gillett resumed his duties as Executive Officer. In Washington for the past three weeks he served on the board which selected Medical and Nurse Corps Officers for promotion from lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant.

In his absence Captain H. G. Young, Chief of Surgery, added the duties of Executive Officer to his already busy schedule.



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## ★ Armed Forces Day ★

With the unification of the Armed Forces of the United States, the nation will also see the unification of all the "days" of the individual services. The new Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, to further emphasize the unification theme, has announced that no longer will Army Day, Navy Day, Air Force Day, and Marine Day, be observed, but all branches of the service will unite once a year to celebrate "Armed Forces Day."

This is for the good of the nation as well as for the services. It has appeared to the eyes of the public from year to year, that the idea behind the observance of one of these days, has been to make people think that one service or the other was the indispensable part of the Armed Forces.

With the observance of this one day for all services, the people of the United States will pay homage to their country's entire network of defense at once. They will see its combined Armed Forces as one group, not individually, as has been the case in the past. They will see together on "Armed Forces Day," the entire chain with each link joined, their protection from the aggressors that appear from time to time in a troubled world.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Happiness is a goal most of us are constantly seeking. Real happiness comes not from the external round of activities but in the inner attitude of mind and spirit.

To be really happy, we need first of all, a sound philosophy of life based on strong faith in things eternal—faith in God, faith in man, and faith in the unlimited possibilities of a free and peaceful world.

We need, secondly, self-respect, self-confidence, and self reliance. We must believe not only that the world is good, but that it has a use for us. We must believe that the hope of a better world rests upon the condition of our doing our very best, as well as the next fellow. We must never be ashamed of the contribution we have made.

Thirdly, we must develop in ourselves the quality of self-forgetfulness. We must lose ourselves in working for ideals or in the service of others. We must be conscious of tackling something bigger that urges us outside and beyond ourselves.

Fourth, we must learn to be satisfied in the little things in life.

There are so many little things that we do each day that are potentially a great source of enjoyment. We have allowed them to become so routine and automatic that we fail to appreciate them. We must re-discover their distinctive values so that they may become again a source of pleasure.

Fifth, we must learn to enjoy our own company. In a life that requires us to spend so much of our time with so many others, we must save a portion of each day for ourselves, drawing on our inner resources rather than on outward. Unhappy indeed, is the man that cannot be happy with himself.

Lastly, we must learn to feel that we are making progress, that we are achieving something of lasting and growing importance, and that we are better today than we were yesterday.

You can't achieve happiness by working for it directly, but if you work for these six qualities, you will awake one day to find that you have achieved it although you did not directly seek it.

—Robert F. McComas

## Divine Services



### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School ..... 1000

Nursery ..... 1100

Church Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thurs-

day)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Seventeen births were recorded in the Out-Patient department during the week of April 17-23 inclusive. There were no births recorded on 23 April. They were:

### 17 April

ROBINSON, Robert Shelton—To wife of Robert Robinson, AD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

### 18 April

BROWN, Robert Alan—To wife of Robert Brown, S/Sgt., 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

ALLISON, Baby Girl—To wife of Leslie R. Allison, AL1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

WINFORD, Linda Carol—To wife of Mont Lee Winford, BT3, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.

### 19 April

STONE, Robert Alan—To wife of Paul W. Stone, M/Sgt., 10 pounds, 5 ounces.

### 20 April

McDUFFIE, Baby Boy—To wife of Charlie McDuffie, TN, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

TASSEL, Cynthia Louise—To wife of Gordon A. Tassel, BM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

STALLARD, Margaret Mary—To wife of Wade H. Stallard, PNC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

DUNLAP, Pauletta Lee—To wife of Paul Dunlap, AD1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

McKEE, Sharon Carol—To wife of Fred Lee McKee, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

CONLIN, Charleen Ann—To wife of Frank Conlin, AMC, 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.

AIROLA, Virgil Marion II—To wife of Virgil R. Airola, LTJG, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

### 21 April

MEADOWS, Richard Alan—To wife of Richard Meadows, AMAN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

CARTER, Marion Jean—To wife of Richard Lee Carter, MM2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

### 22 April

ROGERS, Baby Boy—To wife of Henry Rogers, OMC, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

KOONCE, Quinton Lynn—To wife of Quinton Koonce, ICC, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

HART, Gregory Lee—To wife of James Hart, AL1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Did you hear the one about the drunk who was feeling his way around the lamp post muttering

"S'no use, I'm walled in."

## Red Cross Ramblings

Well, Now, A Chess Club. During the past week a little scouting has been done as to the possibility of a Chess Club. Bill Quinn, retired San Francisco business man who fathered a successful club at Letterman General Hospital, visited the compound and gave us the dope on the rules and regulations that make the affair really function. No less than thirty-one patients and staff members have subscribed to the idea and so the chess organization here is on its way.

Here's the general idea: All members take part in a Perpetual Tournament. Each member is given a rating, the person with the highest rating being number one man on the list. After playing a game or several games with another member, the scores are computed according to a Chess Chart which allows a handicap for less experienced players. It is possible for a mediocre player to win enough points for a prize according to this system. At the end of each month the total number of points scored by each member is computed, and the member receiving the most is awarded a prize.

At different times, members of clubs from the community are expected to visit bed patients and give demonstrations on the wards. Correspondence games with Letterman Hospital patients are also being encouraged. Miss Thompson, Red Cross recreation worker, is the coordinator of the club and Larry Johnson, patient in 42A, has been appointed secretary. Get in touch with any Gray Lady or Red Cross worker if you wish to take part or know the details. Beginners are invited.

## Bovero Makes Music For All-Hands Dance



Tripping lightly to the melodic strains of Phil Bovero and his orchestra in the station Auditorium on 20 April, all hands were highly pleased by the dance, sponsored by Welfare and Recreation. A portion of the crowd is shown in the above picture.



# Navy Will Use Film Badges In Hospitals

Film badges, used to measure the exposure of personnel to atomic radiation and other forms of radioactivity, are being placed in general use in Naval activities where personnel work with X-rays, radio isotopes, and industrial radiography.

They are expected to be in use in all Naval hospitals, hospital ships, mobile X-ray units and in many Naval dispensaries by July 1, 1949.

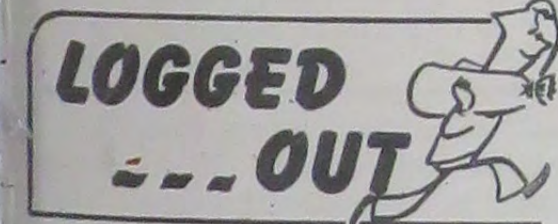
A piece of special photographic film is worn like a badge by personnel subject to exposure to radioactivity. This badge is periodically replaced and developed. The relative darkening of the developed film measures the radiation to which the wearer was exposed. Careful logging of the exposure of each worker helps prevent his exceeding the maximum safety limit. In event a worker receives a heavy dose of radiation, the amount can be immediately determined by developing and reading his film badge, and the necessary medical treatment based thereon.

Captain Oscar Schneider, Medical Corps, U.S.N., in charge of the radiological safety branch of the Navy bureau's Atomic Defense Division, said in reference to the program, which already is in effect at about half of the Naval hospitals and larger clinics:

"In addition to helping prevent exposure beyond safe limits, the adoption of such a program will render personnel more safety conscious and reduce any tendency to needless exposure. The wider application of this safety practice also will afford training to personnel which might be needed for future developments."

## TEMPER—TEMPER!!

Lynn, Mass. (SEA) — A red-head's temper cost her \$225 in fines when a judge found her guilty of malicious injury to property, drunken driving, going away after causing damage, and driving without a license. It all happened when her boy friend broke off their romance. She drove an auto into the front of his parked car; backed away and rammed the side of the car; backed away once more and bashed in the rear of it.



Eighteen men were transferred to the U. S. Naval Receiving Station, San Francisco, for further transfer to COMSERVPAC at the Naval Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor. They were: Austin, L. W., Barnes, R. E., Barnett, A. L., Bell, F. H., Bowers, L. V., Butler, C. E., Campbell, M. J., Carr, H. E., Coley, K. R., Evans, K. H., Honey, A. E., Lucas, C. F., McNab, D. R., Mills, W. D., O'Keefe, J. W., Summers D. G., Williamson, L. P., Wrable, J.

Detached from duty was ENS Eva M. Yerkovich (NC), to civilian life, and ENS Minetta N. Albro (NC), also to civilian life.

# Who's Who On The Compound



Boston, Massachusetts, claims ENS Eileen Farrell as one of its citizens, but right now, Oak Knoll claims her as a delivery room nurse on 73B.

Miss Farrell graduated from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, Mass., and during her pre-naval career of civilian nursing she saw service with St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach, Florida. She also took a post graduate course in psychiatry at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia.

Miss Farrell entered the Navy in March of 1947 in Washington, D.C., and reported to Oak Knoll on 10 January 1949 from USNH Philadelphia, Pa.

Her hobby is record collecting, and for recreation she plays the piano, dances or swims.



As you walk into the Civilian Personnel Office during the week, you will no doubt find Mrs. Lorma Bauer ready to greet you.

Mrs. Bauer has been employed here since 9 August 1948 when she came to Oak Knoll with her husband, LTJG E. L. Bauer, USN, an intern on the staff. She graduated from the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale, Illinois, with a major in business, and was then employed by the Cotton Belt Railroad in St. Louis, Missouri, until her marriage on 23 June 1947.

Dr. and Mrs. Bauer reside in the Homaja Housing unit at 880 Elmhurst Avenue, Oakland. Her hobbies are reading and "trying to sew." Dancing and bridge are among her favorite forms of recreation, but she also enjoys more strenuous recreation, particularly swimming and badminton.

In case you were at the ball game Tuesday, you saw that man in the black suit umpiring the bases. That was A. A. Mills, HM2, otherwise known as a "Blind Tom." Each summer Mills is one of three Oak Knoll staff men who umpire in the City Softball League in Oakland.

Born in Clinton, Iowa, he enlisted in the Navy on 2 February 1942 at Kansas City, Missouri, and spent 42 war months with the First Marine Air Wing. He reported to Oak Knoll on 25 May 1948 from Bethesda, Maryland, and is currently assigned to the X-ray department.

Mills resides at 4205 Saint Andrews Road, Oakland, with his wife, Mary Lou. His hobbies are bowling (which he does with the X-ray team in the station loop), fishing, and chasing greased pigs at bowling picnics.



Jay R. Hoover, HM1, can claim to be sea-dog, first class, here at the hospital if he so desires. Since joining the Navy in 1940, Hoover has seen duty aboard six naval vessels.

At present, working as the Executive Officer's yeoman, Hoover has had duty aboard the USS Mt. Vernon, USS H. T. Allen, USS Sepulga, USS Manilena, the USS Toledo, and the USS Helena.

Before enlisting in the Navy in Philadelphia, Jay worked with the Hamilton Watch Company.

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Hoover's favorite recreation is baseball, and for indoor sport a pool cue serves the purpose.



# All Services Adopt New Nomenclature

Effective 1 June 1949, a new diagnostic Nomenclature and list of Surgical Operations will be in effect for use jointly by the Army, Navy and Air Force.

On 2 June 1948, the Secretary of Defense ordered the adoption of a uniform classification and nomenclature of diseases, injuries, and conditions by the armed forces. The list was prepared and submitted to the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and on 17 December 1948, the list was approved.

BuMed circular letter No. 49-41, dated 8 April 1949 states that all operations performed after 31 May 1949 shall be recorded in terms provided for in the new manual. Patients admitted prior to 1 June may be carried under the old diagnostic titles, but any new diagnosis or change of diagnosis will be made in terms of the new nomenclature.

The Monthly Morbidity Report (NavMed-528) has been revised to conform to the classification, and nomenclature changes, and an initial distribution of the revised form will be made to requiring activities and shall be used for reports following 30 June covering the month of June.

An earnest young HA was counting his pay by wetting his fingers and leafing through the bills.

"Hey, that money is full of germs," a hashmarked chief yelled.

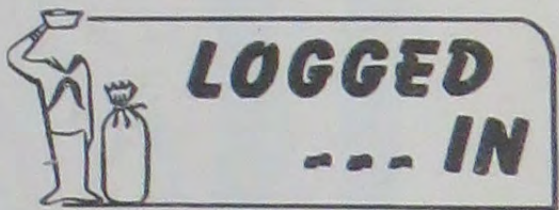
"Nuts," the HA replied, "No germs could live on my salary."

Classification NCO: "How could you have been an airplane mechanic in a burlesque show?"

Recruit: "I was in charge of all the take-offs!"

Mary had a little skirt  
She stood against the light;  
Who gives a damn  
For Mary's lamb  
With Mary's calves in sight!

There is positively no comparison between wine and women. Wine improves with age.



Welcomed aboard the station last week were nine men from HCS, San Diego, and two others for a course of instruction in Operating Room Technique. From USNH Mare Island came Carter, D. L., HN, for course of Inst. in O.R.T., and from Nav-TraCenter, Great Lakes, Illinois, Moore, Annabel, HM3(W) also for course of instruction in O.R.T.

From Hospital Corps School: Boven, D. H., Gallagher, J. W., Graham, M. E., Holliday, W. R., McClure, T. R., Miller, J. A., Mollenhauer, F. H., Schenker, D. I., and Willis, J. W.

Reporting aboard for 14 day annual training duty was CMDR David G. Clark, MCR, USNR.



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## Knollites Open 1949 Season at Home



Members of Oak Knoll's diamond crew rest their weary bodies between innings and shout a few words of encouragement to the hitter in the game with PacResFIt, Alameda, the opening game of the season. On the bench, left to right, are Ellis, Young, Kitigawa, Cottom, Stevenson, Lazo, Mitchell, Gelien, Johnson, and Lalla. The Alameda nine literally walked away from the locals, 11-6.

## Alameda and Moffett Field Win Two Games From Locals Via Walks, Errors

Oak Knoll's Pirates opened the 1949 softball season on the home diamond, with PacResFIt Alameda and N.A.S. Moffett Field affording the opposition. The only hitch was that the Knollites couldn't afford any opposition, hence, two games on the "loss" side of the ledger. PacRes did it first, 12 to 5, then Moffett

sional hit put the skids under the locals.

In the PacRes encounter Oak Knoll actually assumed a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Gordon Ellis, the "mighty mite" third baseman, opened the game with a single to center, stole second, and counted on a hit by Johnson.

In the top of the third the Alamedans went in front to stay with a three-run rally on a walk, two singles and a two-bagger by Long. Three walks, three hits and a hit batsman pushed the lead to 8 to 2 in the top of the fourth. Then successive hits by Johnson, Young, Lazo, and Wilson brought the locals to within two runs of Alameda, but the visitors put it out of reach with a three-run fifth inning and added another for insurance in the sixth.

Line score:

	R	H	E
Oak Knoll	1	0	1
Alameda	0	0	3

Batteries: Kitigawa, Cottom, and Lazo; Fohl and Long.

Moffett Field didn't wait to get started in the first inning. Nash singled, Simmons walked, and Adamski singled, but Ellis put the ball on Nash as he slid into third. A hit batsman, and two more hits put the visitors in front 2-0. Oak Knoll came back in their half of the first when Ellis opened with a single to right, went to second when Lazo was hit by the pitcher, and scored on an error.

The Skymasters reached Kitigawa for another tally in the third, and in the fourth two successive singles brought Davidson to the mound for the locals. Then it happened! Four

## Married CPO's Are Still In Command Of Bowling Loop

The Married chiefs, battling to keep first place in the bowling league, increased their margin by two points last week by rolling up six points in league play.

In their meeting with X-Ray the Married CPO's divided the four points, and then they lowered the boom on the CPO Quarters for all four points.

Second place P and A, meanwhile, took four from the Nurses to keep within striking distance of the leaders. Pharmacy increased its third place margin by grabbing three from the hapless Dental Department.

High bowler of the week was Chief Boyd of the Married Chiefs with a three-game, 513 series.

### Standings

1. Married Chiefs	40
2. Property and Accounting	35
3. Pharmacy	3
4. X-Ray	28
5. CPO Quarters	21
6. Dental Department	20
7. Out-Patient Department	16
8. Nurses	11

## • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 1 May

**IMPACT**

B. Donlevy—E. Raines  
News

Monday, 2 May

**THE HUCKSTERS**

Clark Gable

Tuesday, 3 May

**THE JUDGE STEPS OUT**

A. Knox—A. Sothern  
On Watch

Wednesday, 4 May

**AFFAIRS OF A ROGUE**

J. P. Aumont—J. Hopkins

Thursday, 5 May

**BIG JACK**

W. Beery—M. Main  
Super Cue Men

Friday, 6 May

**WORDS AND MUSIC**

M. Rooney—J. Garland

Saturday, 7 May

**ALL MY SONS**

E. G. Robinson—B. Lancaster  
Solid Ivory

hits and three errors sent five runs across the plate, of which no more than two were legitimate.

The Pirates benefitted by errors in the bottom of the fourth when a hit by Lazo, his second of three for the day, combined with three Moffett miscues, put Oak Knoll back in the ball game.

Moffett added one in the fifth and two in the sixth to clinch the verdict. The effectiveness of West, the Skymasters' hurler, is proved by the fact that eight of the Knollites went down swinging. Line score:

	R	H	E
Moffett Field	2	0	1
Oak Knoll	1	0	1

Batteries: West and Carter; Kitigawa, Davidson, Newman, and Lazo.

## NEEDLES



"Look, Needles, when I said we'd hang him, I didn't mean it literally."





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## Patient Praises Dependent Service

Commanding Officer  
Oak Knoll Naval Hospital  
Dear Sir:

I wanted to write and tell you about my recent experience at your hospital.

I have been one of those Navy wives who has never taken advantage of Naval medical care. However, I decided to have my third baby there. Must admit that I entered with an extremely negative attitude. Two doctors on your staff—Dr. Miller and Dr. Kurzrok—took care of us, and my baby and I couldn't have received any better care in the best private hospital the East Bay has to offer.

Believe me, Oak Knoll has added one more avid "booster."

I don't know if this letter of heartfelt appreciation is according to Naval hoyle, but I did want to tell someone what a pleased ex-patient I am.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. N. Longfield  
San Leandro, Calif.

## New York MD Works Miracle, Gives Life To 'Dead' Patient

By Armed Forces Press Service

The dark haired gentleman sitting behind a desk calmly smoking a cigarette while preparing to see clinical patients looked unconcerned and was reluctant to talk.

But in St. Albans, Long Island, the gentleman had created excitement which will never be forgotten.

He was LTCDR Richard Gaillard and the big reason why six-year old Tommy Billings can romp and play with children today after having been dead on an operating table for four minutes.

Commander Gaillard brought the youngster back to life.

Tommy, like other youngsters, had been taken to St. Albans Naval Hospital for a comparatively simple adenoid operation.

The operation proceeded nicely.

And then something happened.

Complications set in. Tommy had started to hemorrhage.

Tommy died on the operating table.

There was no sinking rapidly, no coma. Tommy's heart just plain stopped.

First to notice the condition of the lad was LT Frank A. Cersizimo, anaesthetist.

He called for help and Commander Gaillard, in the clinic next door, rushed to the operating room.

An oxygen mask was placed on Tommy and then Gaillard called for

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## Orchid For Mother



CWOHC Stuart E. Richardson, USN, is among the many who are "saying it with flowers" tomorrow, having ordered his Mother's Day greeting through Ship's Service Store.

## Property and Accounting Bowling Champs



Here they are folks! The gents who waited until the last week of the season to roar home victors in the station bowling league, Property and Accounting. By grabbing seven points in the final week of the season, including three from league leading (at that time) Married Chiefs, the P. & A. keggers came through. Standing, left to right, are LT Millard, CPC Francisco, HMC Betoney. Kneeling, also left to right, are HMC Keaton, HN Nimitz, and HMC Martin. Congratulations!!

## Married Chiefs Are Upset In Surprise Finish By P and A

It was a long, hard, pull, but the Property and Accounting bowling team came from behind in the last week of play to nip the Married Chiefs and win the Station bowling league crown.

In eighth place two months ago, the P. & A. keggers gradually worked their way up to fifth, then third and last week trailed the Married CPO's by five points. Then the two leaders rolled against each other, and P. & A. picked up three of the four points. Still trailing by three, the Out-Patient Department was next in the final game. OPD was there in spirit, but not in pins, and the Property and Accounting pinsters took all four and squeezed in with the title.

In other games, X-Ray moved into third by trimming Pharmacy for all four points and pushing them into the fourth slot.

The Nurses finally put forth a winning effort by beating hapless OPD out of three points.

High bowler of the week was Connell of Pharmacy with a 476 series.

### Final Standings

1. Property and Accounting	42
2. Married Chiefs	41
3. X-Ray	33
4. Pharmacy	31
5. CPO Quarters	21
6. Dental Department	20
7. Out-Patient Department	17
8. Nurses	14

## Doctors Hear Lectures By Stanford Professors

Three members of the Stanford University Medical School staff are presenting the current series of basic science lectures, which are a part of the hospital's training program for medical officers.

On the evenings of April 26 and May 3, Dr. David Rytand spoke on "Physiology of Heart Sounds" and "Clinical Use of Digitalis." Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 staff doctors will meet in the conference room to hear Dr. Herbert Hultgren discuss "Clinical Applications of Cardiac Catheterization Techniques," and on May 17 Dr. Windsor Cutting will speak on "Sympatholytic Drugs."

## Eight Staff Officers Up For Promotion

Eight Oak Knoll staff officers have recently been selected for promotion in rank and are now awaiting the professional examinations required before their promotions become effective.

Two Medical Service Corps officers, LT A. P. Daul, Administrative Assistant to the Commanding Officer, and LT Earl C. Spencer, Commissary Officer, were notified several weeks ago of their selection for promotion to lieutenant commander. LTJG Frank M. Thornburg, MC, USN, has been selected for promotion to lieutenant.

Five Navy Nurse Corps officers are also among the group. They are: LTJG's Ida E. Shaw, Ann E. McPhillips, Isabelle C. Kiehl, and Inez Watson, selected for full lieutenant; and Ensign Virginia A. Langford, selected for the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

## Civil Employees Elect New Officers For 1949

Charles De Journette, of the hospital's Fire Department was elected president of the Civilian Employees' Association as a result of the election held here last week.

Others who will direct the activities of the organization for the coming year are:

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# The Oak Leaf

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## Mother's Day

To our mothers on Mother's Day we dedicate these lines by a poet who was able to express the ideas we wish we could.

*Over my heart in the days that have flown,  
No love like mother-love ever has shone;  
No other worship abides and endures  
Faithful, unselfish, and patient, like yours.*

—ELIZABETH AKERS ALLEN

## The Miserable Ten Percent

Not counting perhaps Norfolk and San Diego, there is a larger number of Naval personnel in the San Francisco bay area than anywhere else in the United States. The difference between a uniform and civilian clothes among groups of strangers cannot be overlooked. Among people on the streets, in bars and places of amusement, certain disgruntled and offended civilians look upon sailors as a unified group who take advantage of their uniform to bully people and be rowdy and drunken. Sailors, on the other hand, get a chip on their shoulders when an offensive civilian comes around the corner. They are able to rationalize that he is a money-grubber, a cheapskate or wiseguy. They may be right, but because he is not in uniform or not conspicuously wearing a discharge button is no reason to discriminate against him.

Nor is a Navy uniform reason to believe that the man in it is prone to crudity and offensiveness. You may hear from time to time from citizens that "Navy men around here get away with murder," and from sailors that the natives are "prejudiced against the Navy." These are unfortunate opinions, but fortunately, as in most cases of prejudice, they are founded on a too conspicuous minority of cases.

The most glaring example is hitch-hiking. Most civilians will give a sailor a lift. Then there are those who would do so under no condition. This is due to the fact that a few irresponsible and damaging sailors have beaten up and stolen the cars of friendly motorists, giving a bad name to any one wearing the same uniform. So that when a car passes, obviously ignoring a stranded sailor, he is liable to say bitterly that no one appreciates servicemen any more.

So, sailor, that gives you a black eye. Civilians are pretty good people, ex-service or not. It's up to you to see that no more bad feeling is created. When you see a buddy making a pest of himself in a bar, on the trolley, or walking down the street, tell him what he's doing—don't side in with him. You may feel it's your duty to take his side of an argument, but it's not often smart, especially when he's in the wrong. The best thing for you to do is break it up and smooth things over. Everyone will respect you for treating it intelligently.

Remember always that it is a miserable ten per cent or less who make things hard for a good name in any organization, and especially in the service. So, when you keep some one a little under the weather from being obnoxious, the other ninety per cent are ready to back you up—or should be. Usually some one is needed to set the good example.

This wasn't intended as a sermon. Just keep it in mind that you are the one who will suffer, through unfriendliness and non-cooperation, for what the next man, in the same uniform, says or does.

## Divine Services



**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School .....1000  
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Church Service .....1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
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## Staff Officers Families To Picnic At Temescal

Lake Temescal Park will be the scene of another gay outing on Sunday, 22 May, when staff officers and their families hold their first spring picnic.

Games and contests are being planned for all ages, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Food and beer will also be on the day's program.

The picnic will start at 1300. Baby sitters will be on hand to look after the younger picnickers. Reservations are not required.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-four births were recorded in the Oak Knoll Out-Patient Department during the week of April 24-30. They were:

**24 April**  
HENNESSY, James Lawrence—To wife of James Hennessy, LCDR; 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
WOODY, Michael Robert — To wife of Robert Woody, SN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

**25 April**  
PETERS, Frances Ann — To wife of George Peters, BM3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
MENDOZA, Barbara Amelia—To wife of Benjamin Mendoza, RM1, 6 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.  
McCALL, Patricia Ann—To wife of William E. McCall, GM1, 9 pounds.

**26 April**  
BEDSOLE, Beverly Dee — To wife of Donald Bedsole, LT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
BARTOS, Joylene Francis—To wife of Frank L. Bartos, SKC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
DUMON, Gary Eugene—To wife of Edward E. Dumon, SA, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
GLENN, Baby Girl—To wife of Edg. Glenn, EM1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

**27 April**  
GOBBELL, Baby Boy—To wife of Charles Gobbell, AL2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
HITCHCOCK, William Michael—To wife of Edwin N. Hitchcock, LT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
LANDER, Thomas Dean — To wife of Charles Lander, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
RUSSELL, George Gary — To wife of Billy J. Russell, AEAN, 7 pounds.  
FISH, Steven Loyal—To wife of Ralph L. Fish, BM1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
PAULSON, John Alden IV—To wife of John A. Paulson, SN, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.  
LOGAN, Pamela Lynn—To wife of Roy Logan, EMC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
McGINN, Patricia Ann—To wife of Lawrence E. McGinn, AO1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
DREYER, Baby Boy—To wife of August Dreyer, AD1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
ZEPZALKA, Henry Francis II — To wife of Henry F. Zepzalka, AMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

**28 April**  
HOSFORD, Douglas Wayne—To wife of Alonzo Hosford, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
AVERILL, John Henry—To wife of Theodore Averill, AM1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
FELT, Darlene—To wife of Henry Felt, AD2, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.  
FRIESE, Baby Boy—To wife of James Friese, ADC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
THOMAS, Dave Leon—To wife of Dave Thomas, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
PERMAN, Nancy Jane — To wife of Eugene Perman, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

**29 April**  
MILLER, David Alan—To wife of James Miller, SN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.  
REBEIRO, Thomas Roy—To wife of Bernard Rebeiro, BTC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
McKINNEY, Sherry Ann — To wife of Ceonia McKinney, DC3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
OBESO, Constance Louise—To wife of Ricardo Obeso, AMAN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
BRAMAN, Janet Marie—To wife of Sherman Braman, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

**30 April**  
FOGARTY, John Timothy—To wife of Frank Fogarty, ENS, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.  
BAKER, William Everett II—To wife of William E. Baker, ET3, 8 pounds.  
CRAIG, Christine Carol — To wife of Charles Craig, AM3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
PINKEVICH, Sandra Lynn—To wife of Ernest L. Pinkevich, AO2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

May 1 to May 8 has been proclaimed by the President of the United States to be National Family Week. This Sunday, 8 May, is also celebrated as Mother's Day. It is particularly significant that these special days will be observed in the churches, for together, the family and the Church are the two most important institutions in our society for the building of character. The home is the most powerful teacher, and the church has the best thing to teach. Therefore if the best results are to be achieved for children as they grow up, the family and the Church must work together. Since children learn from those with whom they associate and learn what they know, and since it is in the family that associations are strongest, it places a great responsibility on parents and potential parents to know the best. The Church is the custodian of the Christian tradition. It has the best things to teach and the greatest example to imitate. If parents would realize that they are teachers—teachers of religion as well as of other things—and would try to invest the usual and routine experiences of family life with Christian meaning and purpose, and would honestly seek to prepare themselves for this tremendous task by attending Church regularly and by studying and applying to life the principles for which she stands, the American way of life could be made vastly superior to that in which we take pride today.

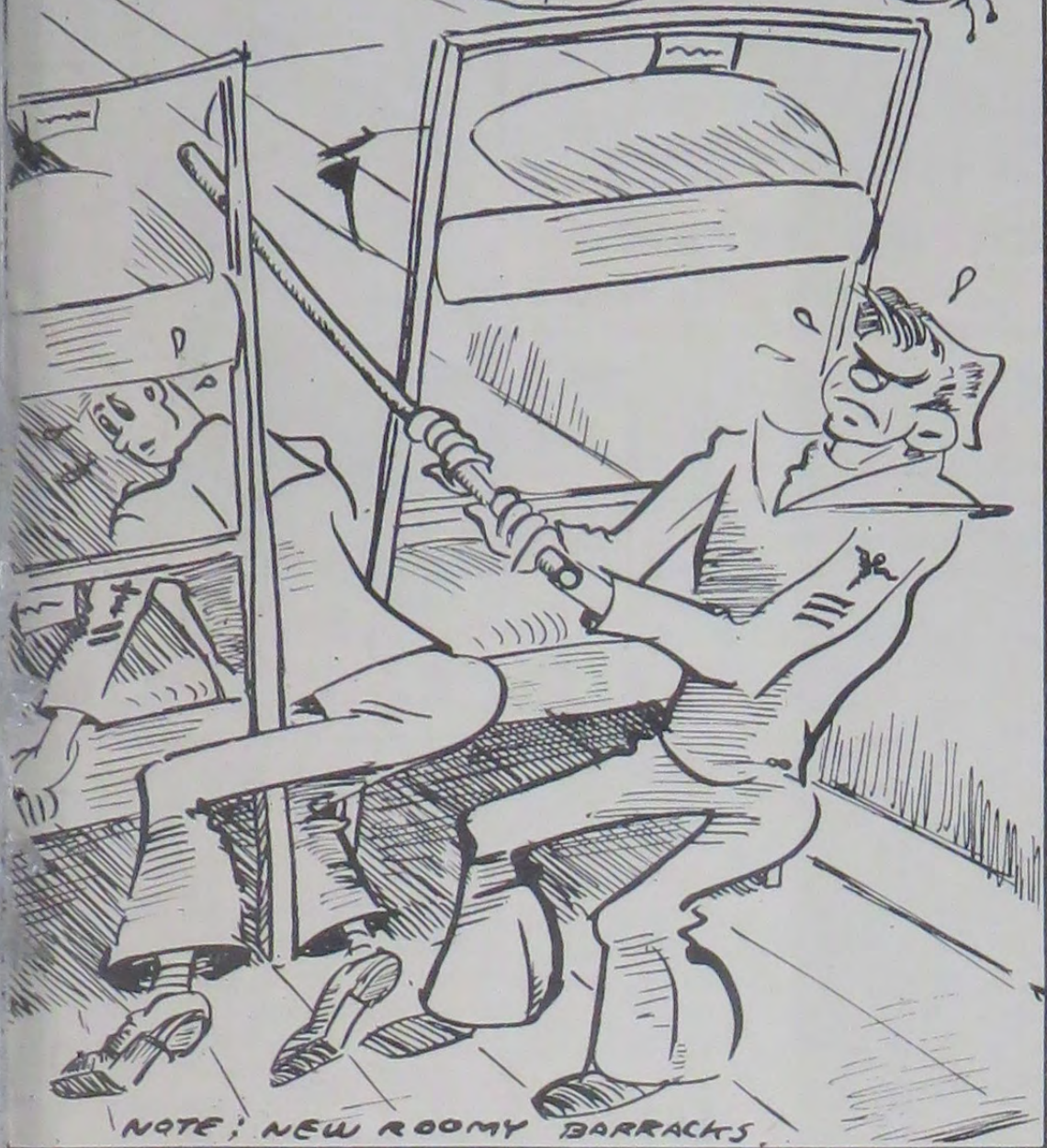
—CHAPLAIN R. F. McCOMAS



# NEEDLES

by G. J. BRANSFORD

2200!  
LIGHTS OUT +  
RADIOS OFF



C'mon, get in there, I can't hold this thing apart all night!

## LOGGED --- IN

Eighteen Hospital Corpsmen and Waves reported aboard during the past week from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif. They were: A. H. Figueroa, W. E. Gross, R. I. Hinton, B. J. Howell, J. H. Johnson, E. F. Kelley, J. E. Kinner, J. A. Kinsaul, W. R. Overstreet, D. R. Selberg, R. Thompson, S. Tomasello, R. J. Underwood, C. W. Willits, and R. C. Yeager. The new Waves are W. A. Jones, H. L. Hein, and A. M. Hoekstra. Also reporting aboard during the past week were LTJG E. R. Baker, MCR, USNR for duty as intern, and OMDR Marion G. Josephi, MCR, USNR, for 14 days' training duty.

## LOGGED --- OUT

Detached during the past week were J. K. McElroy, HM1, to Treasure Island, San Francisco; W. H. Kirk, HM1, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; M. D. Wilson, HM1, to N.A.S. Alameda; and C. H. Thompson, HM1, to Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif. Also transferred was LTJG M. E. Darling, NC, to USNH, Guam, M. I.

## St. Albans Doctor Is Medical Hero

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an adrenaline injection to stimulate the heart.

Thirty agonizing seconds passed and Tommy's heart remained still.

Moving swiftly and skillfully, Gaillard cut a two inch incision in the boy's chest.

He inserted his fingers and began massaging Tommy's heart, slowly and gently, waiting for the sign of life.

Minutes passed. The massaging continued and then it happened.

Tommy's heart started pumping.

The Commander had successfully completed a rare operation, his first of that type and he confided he hopes it will be the last.

"It takes too much out of a person," he added.

The Commander is a veteran of seven years in the Navy and is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. In his years as a physician, he declared that he had participated in some unusual experiences but the case of Tommy Billings will always rank high on the list.

Tommy, the youngster who had been dead for four minutes, is amused by everything.

"They started to operate on my adenoids and now I have a little scar on my chest. It must be great to be a doctor. I'm going to be one when I grow up. I'm going to fix hearts."

Tommy is the son of Mrs. Jenny Billings. His father was a Navy man who died two years ago.

## Who's Who On The Compound



If you don't like the service you get at the ship's service tailor shop, best you don't argue with **Johnny Joyce**, the manager. He was the welterweight interstate college boxing champion in Michigan in 1932 and 1933, Michigan Golden Gloves champ, and boxed professionally for one year before going into the teaching profession.

Johnny is an ex-Chief Pharmacist Mate, having enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and served for 4½ years. He attended Corps School at Great Lakes and then saw duty in various hospitals, including this one.

He went into the dry cleaning profession with his father after having completed college with the intention of making it his life's work. Prior to that he taught math and chemistry in Rose Vill Heights in Detroit, Michigan.

One of the many doctors aboard this station who have served in the Navy as corpsmen during the last war is **LTJG C. V. Treat**, MCR, USNR. Currently here in internship, Dr. Treat is assigned to the O.P.D. Clinic.

He first entered the Navy on 1 December 1942 in Boston, Mass., in the V-12, and served while attending Brown University. In 1944-45 he was a corpsman at the USNH in Newport, Rhode Island, and then returned to Brown to receive his AB degree in 1946. From Brown he attended Medical School in the University of Buffalo and graduated in 1948, reporting to Oak Knoll from inactive duty on 25 July.

Dr. Treat is an avid tennis fan, having played on the Brown University tennis team while attending that school. Also listed among his favorite pastimes are golf, swimming and bridge.



First the Coast Guard, now the Navy, is the story behind **Roy L. Gage**, HN, of Welfare and Recreation. Gage has seen service in both branches, enlisting in the Coast Guard in 1942 and the Navy in 1948.

Born in Arkansas City, Kansas, Gage served aboard the USS Albires (AKA90), the USS Albuquerque (PF7), the USS Taney, and the USS Iowa (BB61). He participated in the invasion of Guadalcanal and Bougainville, and spent two years of continuous duty in the Aleutians. After being discharged from the Coast Guard in 1945, he went out of the services until reenlisting in the Navy in 1948. After Corps School in San Diego, he reported to Oak Knoll in January, 1949.

Gage is married, and he and his wife Elsie Mae and their children, Roberta and Carol reside in the Santa Cruz housing project.



As the bowling season comes to an end, we should give thanks to the man who has gone batty every Monday trying to figure out the bowling league standings, handicaps, etc. The poor cuss who has to do that is **Harold L. Raihl**, HM3, of Welfare and Recreation.

Born in Terry, Montana, Raihl enlisted in Helena, Montana in Sept. of 1943. Since joining the Navy, he has done a little traveling, during the war serving aboard the LST 590, LST 1023 and the LC(FF) 786. At the conclusion of the war he was in the Tokyo occupational forces, and prior to that he participated in the invasions of Borneo and the Philippine Islands. But of all the ports in the world, New Orleans is the favorite.

Raihl reported to Oak Knoll on 1 Dec. 1948 from the Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif. His favorite recreational activities are dancing, hunting, and just plain travel.





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# The Sporting Scene

Thousands of turf addicts on May 7 will flock to the race track of champions, world-famous Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

They will pack the clubhouse of the grand old race track and overflow into the grandstand, bleachers, infield and even to the top of the stables along the back stretch. For this is Derby Day—a year of waiting, climaxed in just a little over two minutes of excitement and thrills—the supreme test for the cream of America's thoroughbreds.

The setting of the Kentucky Derby is ideal in every respect. Right in the heart of the Bluegrass country, where so many famous foals have been bred to eventually become champions of the turf. This is stately and historic Churchill Downs where the bangtails run their hearts out over the tortuous course for the \$100,000 added prize and racing's most coveted trophy.

This year's running of the Derby, "Daddy of 'em all," will mark the 75th time that the nation's best three-year-olds have paraded to the post amid the throaty cheers of thousands of track fans—75 years of thrills and heartbreaks which have seen favorites fall and purses mount from an initial \$2,000 to a high of over \$100,000. Well over a million dollars will be wagered on this race, mostly by the two dollar bettors whose anxiety to handicap the winner themselves often leaves them holding a ticket on one of the would-be champions who also ran.

Almost as famous as the horses themselves are such names as Colonel Matt Winn, the Dean of the Derby and the only living man who has seen every running of the Kentucky classic, Eddie Arcaro, the only jockey to boot home four Derby winners, Warren Wright, C. V. Whitney and the late Colonel E. R. Bradley, all famous stable owners. Another name always associated with the big race and perhaps the biggest money-maker of all is the mint julep, popular refreshment among the spectators as well as the Kentucky Colonels.

Parading to the post on Derby Day 1949 will be many of turfdom's champions, but after it's all over, only one Derby champion. Will it be Olympia, Old Rockport, Repentance, Sport Page or John's Joy?

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

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ing year are Jim Turner of the Electric Shop, vice-president; Muriel "Pat" Seward of Civilian Personnel, secretary; and Charles Foreman of the Plumbing Shop, treasurer.

## Pirates Win Pair Of 12ND Contests; Pitching Improved

Oak Knoll's Pirates did a complete reversal of form last week, and took a pair of tightly contested ball games in the 12ND Softball League. The victims of the "new" Pirates were EMS, Treasure Island, by a 5 to 1 count in a 10-inning duel, and NAS Alameda, 3 to 2.

The deciding factor in the Knollites' newly formed win streak is the pitching. Chief Newman allowed only five hits to the Electronics School and two to the Alamedans. His pitching, however, good as it was, was almost overshadowed by that of Alameda's Smith. The Naval Air Chucker cut down 16 of the locals via the strike-out route and went five innings before allowing a hit.

In the EMS encounter, the home team tallied first when Scharrer walked, went to second on an infield out, and romped home on a single by Zamora. Oak Knoll came back in the top of the fourth on hits by Schroeder, Lazo, and Johnson for a run to knot the count. Good fielding saved the locals in the sixth when three successive singles by EMS could have been costly, but two men were cut down trying to score.

The two teams fought it out for two extra innings, before the Knollmen pushed across four runs in the top of the tenth. Five hits in a row by Schroeder, Young, Lalla, Lazo and Johnson started the rally that whipped the home nine. A walk to Hunter and a hit by Gelien terminated the uprising.

### Line Score

	O	a	k	K	n	o	l	l	R	H	E
Oak Knoll	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	12
EMS, T.I.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Batteries:	Newman and Lazo; Cornell and Scharrer.										

The Naval Air nine put the first run across in the second inning on a hit by Cable, two bases on balls, and an outfield fly. After that neither team could put together a serious rally until the sixth when the Knollites got under way. Up to that time only one man had reached first for the locals and 13 men had gone down swinging. But Newman walked, and Young got the first hit. Three more

## Watch Out Fish!



No, kiddies, that is not little Red Riding Hood carrying her basket to grandma's, it's R. E. McGinnis HMC, getting ready for the fishing season. The basket is for fish, providing he catches any. "Mac" is one of the many fishing enthusiasts who visited the lakes and streams on May, the opening of the bass season. No one on the station seemed to have much luck on the first day, but there is still plenty of time to catch plenty of fish. But whether you catch fish or feed them, use a rod and reel or stick and string, fishing is still America's number one method of outdoor relaxation.

"Ah wins"  
"What yuh got?"  
"Three Aces."  
"No yuh don't, Ah wins."  
"What yuh got?"  
"Two dueces and a razor."  
"Yuh sho does. How come you is so lucky?"

hits by Schroeder, Lalla, and Lazo brought in three runs, and Lalla was caught at the plate attempting to score from second on Lazo's one-baser.

The first two men up for the Alamedales in the seventh were easy outs, then Medina lifted a high fly to center for what should have been the game-ending out, but the Oak Knoll centerfielder misjudged the ball and it got away with Medina going all the way around to score. However, the next man popped to the shortstop to end the game.

Hitting star of the Knollites for the two ball games was Schroeder who went five for eight and played a good fielding game around first base.

### Line Score:

	O	a	k	K	n	o	l	l	R	H	E
Oak Knoll	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	5	3	3
Alameda	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2
Batteries:	Newman and Lazo; Smith and Dillon.										

## Movie Schedule

- Sunday, 8 May

**BAD BOY**

A. Murphie — L. Nolan

Wonder House

News
- Monday, 9 May

**ROMANCE OF ROSY RIDGE**

V. Johnson — J. Leigh
- Tuesday, 10 May

**OUTPOST IN MOROCCO**

G. Raft — M. Windsor

Scrapps Birthday
- Wednesday, 11 May

**THE MUTINEERS**

J. Hall — A. Jergens

The Ghost Talks
- Thursday, 12 May

**NIGHT UNTO NIGHT**

V. Lindfors — R. Reagan

Rebel Rabbit
- Friday, 13 May

**PORTRAIT OF JENNIE**

J. Jones — J. Cotten

News
- Saturday, 14 May

**THAT HIGGINS GIRL**

S. Temple — R. Reagan

Slick Hare

## STALEMATE

Yipes! Yes? Yeow! Yummm.

By Ed Hughes, LI3







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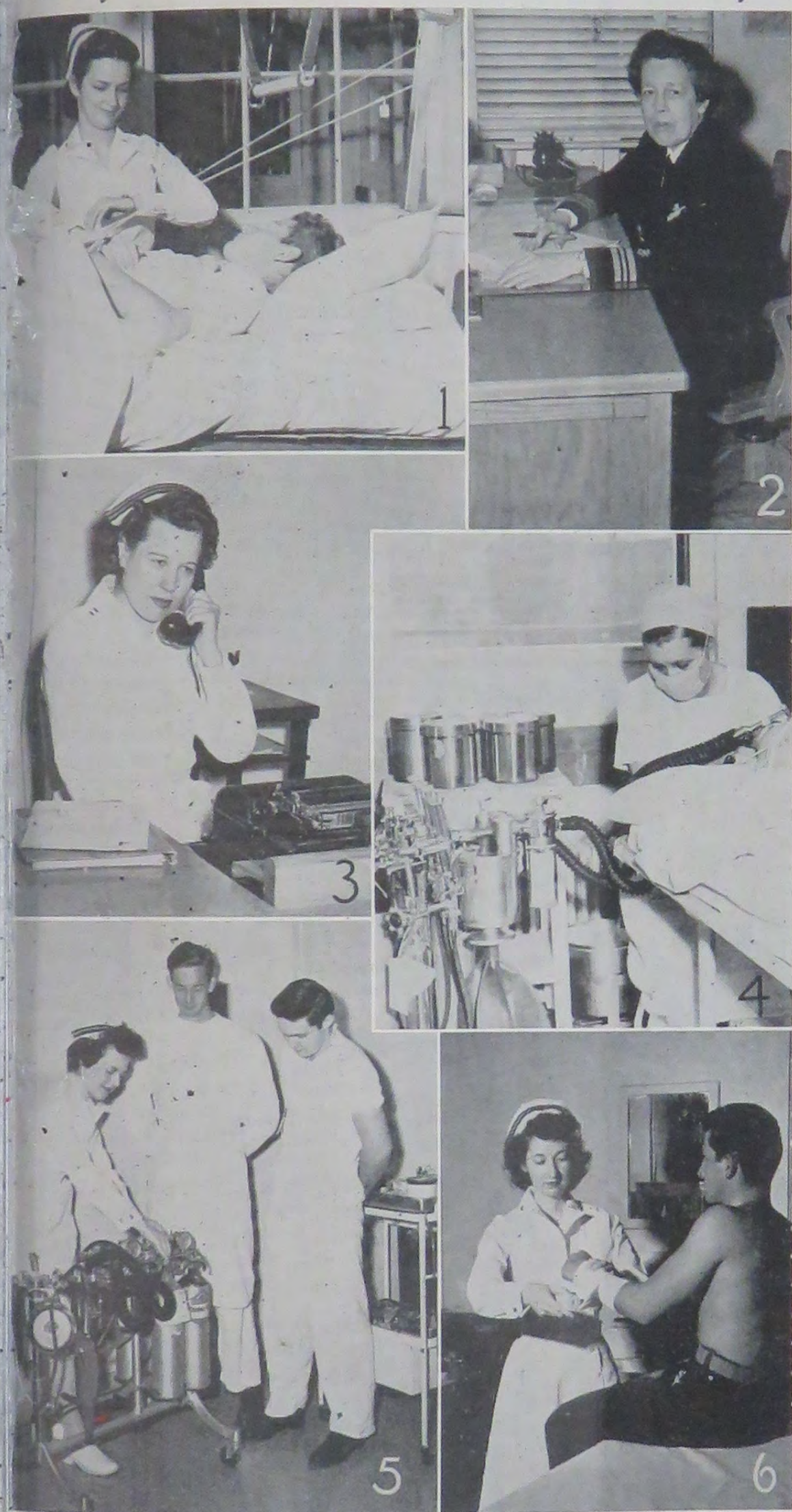


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## Navy Nurses Observe 41st Anniversary



Navy Nurse Corps officers, 87 of whom are now on duty at Oak Knoll, yesterday celebrated the organization's 41st birthday by reporting for duty as usual. Shown above are (1) Ensign Bella Mary Fritz, Ward 41-A, counts the pulse of an orthopedic patient. (2) Senior Nurse Corps Officer at Oak Knoll is LCDR Marian B. Olds, who has served in this capacity here since September 15, 1948. (3) Her assistant is LT Bertha R. Evans, who was recently selected for promotion to LCDR. (4) LTJG Isabelle C. Kiehl is one of two nurses detailed to the Operating Room to administer anesthesia. (5) Ensign Florence E. Farrell talks over with Ward 73-B corpsmen the intricacies of anesthesia equipment. (6) Ensign Rosemary E. Reinhart applies a neat roller bandage to a marine patient on Ward 42-A.

## Captain S. S. Cook Selected To Board Of Public Health

Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, this week received notice that he has been approved for certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health in the Founders Group.

This recognition comes as a result of the Commanding Officer's outstanding service in Preventive Medicine and Public Health activities throughout his Navy career.

### Directed PHS in Haiti

Soon after he was commissioned as a lieutenant (jg) in 1917, Dr. Cook served as Battalion Medical Officer in charge of field sanitation and venereal disease and malaria control with the Marine Expeditionary Troops in Cuba. At Quantico, Virginia, from January 1925 to August 1928, he was in charge of post sanitation, mosquito and insect control, and public health education, and from then until June 1932 he was Director of Sanitation and Quarantine for the National Public Health Service, Republic of Haiti.

While serving as Chief of the Division of Preventive Medicine, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery from July 1933 to June 1936 Captain Cook completed work for the degree of Dr. PH in 1934 at Johns Hopkins University. During this period he also served as instructor of Parasitology, Tropical Medicine and Preventive Medicine at the Navy Medical School Washington, and held a teaching appointment in Tropical Medicine at Georgetown University.

### Is Teacher, Author

During the war years, as District Medical Officer, 10ND, in the Caribbean Area, his work was largely concerned with malaria and VD control, and later as Fleet Medical Officer, Seventh Fleet, from January 1946 to September 1947, he was in charge of Ship Sanitation and Health Education and was responsible for Coordination with the Chinese health authorities.

In addition to his teaching and practice in the Preventive Medicine and Public Health field, Captain Cook has been a frequent contributor to the Navy Medical journals.

### SOMETHIN' HE ET

Madrid, Spain (AFPS) — Santiago Gomez Parra ate a meal weighing 10 pounds and won a bet from his friends who said he couldn't. Then he fell over dead—from indigestion.

## LT Laramore Leaves



LT Swofford and LT Laramore

## LT Swofford Is New Staff Personnel Head

Next week Oak Knoll will gain one personnel officer, but lose another in the process, with the departure of H. H. Laramore, LT (MSC), for Com-PacResFlt. Replacing him at his desk topside in the Administration Building will be W. S. Swofford, LT (MSC).

Mr. Laramore reported to Oak Knoll on 10 April, 1948, from the School of Hospital Administration in Bethesda, Maryland, and was Security and Recreation Officer before assuming his current duties. He has made many good friends since his arrival at Oak Knoll, and will be sincerely missed by all.

Mr. Swofford, who since his arrival here on 23 July, 1948, has been Maintenance Officer, will assume the duties of Staff Personnel Officer upon Mr. Laramore's departure.

## Congratulations!



On behalf of the staff and patient personnel here at Oak Knoll, Needles offers his congratulations to the Navy Nurse Corps on this, their 41st anniversary.



# The Oak Leaf

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## A Good Corpsman

Quoted from the Handbook of the Hospital Corps, U. S. Navy, these words are food for thought for all who share the responsibility of caring for our patients.

*Truthfulness* in the care of the sick takes on a broad meaning and embraces honesty of purpose, frank acknowledgment of an error, prompt confession of anything left undone, absolute accuracy of statements, and the conscientious performance of minute details.

*Obedience* does not mean merely obeying rules and regulations, but includes prompt, unquestioning, and intelligent obedience to authority, regardless of whether the person in authority is an officer or other superior, or a fellow hospital corpsman.

*Dignity*, if genuine, admits of no rudeness or familiarity from others, and at the same time is free of any display of personal importance or superiority.

*Tact* is the ability to deal with others without giving offense; in other words, it is doing or saying the right thing at the right time.

*Courtesy* is defined as a well-bred consideration for others founded upon kindness, and is a very necessary qualification when the sick are irritable, fault-finding, or unjust in criticism. It must be remembered always that a sick person is like a child and often is not responsible for his speech and actions.

*Sympathy* is the feeling corresponding to that which the other person feels, and may be expressed by a smile or an encouraging word, but must not interfere with the carrying out of orders, treatments, or dressings. Patients are benefited by receiving proper care and treatment, although the reason for such may not be evident at the time to either the hospital corpsman or to the patient.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"Truth" is a word we all use, but how often do we think of all it really means?

In the first place, it has to do with the sincerity and honesty of the thoughts we express in words to our friends and family. It is important that you say what you mean, or mean what you say. When the little white lie or fib becomes habitual, you have done yourself an immeasurable wrong. It won't hurt your friend or family if you lie about the reason for coming in so late the other night, or what you did last night, but it may hurt you more than you can possibly realize now. Don't jeopardize your character, integrity, or honor by falling into the habit of lying even about little things. You may lie yourself out of little embarrassment now by camouflaging the truth, but you are preparing for the eventual exposure of yourself for what you really are. The best way to avoid embarrassment is to use discretion in what you do so that you can speak truly about all things without being ashamed.

Truthfulness involves more than the validity of the statements we make to our friends. It involves our whole pattern of life.

Are you being honest with others and to your own best self if you leave unsaid or undone something which might help others—a word of encouragement—a little advice—or an act of kindness? Are you being square with your friends in the service and yourself, if by your indiscretions and indifference you so conduct yourself as to cause criticism and bring disgrace to the uniform you are privileged to wear? When others are judged by what you do—disgraced by your indiscretion, praised for your propriety—your obligation to them is then clear. Be fair and square in all things. Uphold the best in yourself at all times by thought, word, and deed and the integrity of your own soul will not only be preserved, but enhanced.

"Let not truth forsake thee;

Bind it about thy neck,

Write it upon the tablet of thy heart.

So shalt thou find favor and good understanding

In the sight of God and man."

—R. F. McCOMAS, Chaplain, USN

## Divine Services



### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School ..... 1000

Nursery ..... 1100

Church Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-three births were recorded in the Oak Knoll Out-Patient Department during the week of May 1-7. They were:

### 1 May

KETRING, Kathy Ann—To wife of Robert Ketring, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

VICARS, James Curtis—To wife of Earl Vicars, LT, 6 pounds, 6½ ounces.

WIPPRECHT, Baby Boy—To wife of Harry Wipprecht, RM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

### 2 May

ODOM, Baby Girl—To wife of James Odom, SN, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

RAMIREZ, Jesse Michael—To wife of Jesse Ramirez, BM3, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

ZAPPA, Claudia Lynn—To wife of Claude Zappa, ADC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

DUNN, Michael Francis—To wife of Raymond Dunn, MMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

PONTES, Danell Frances—To wife of John Pontes, BM3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

SELL, Baby Girl—To wife of Robert Sell, AD2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

### 3 May

OSLIN, Baby Boy—To wife of Robert Oslin, SN, 8 pounds.

BALLEW, Baby Girl—To wife of John Ballew, LT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

PORTLOCK, Linda Marie—To wife of Leroy Portlock, AM3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

### 4 May

WILMESHERR, Baby Boy—To wife of Robert Wilmesherr, AN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

GLOVER, Baby Girl—To wife of Fred Glover, PR1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

STRAUB, Baby Boy—To wife of Walter Straub, EMC, 8 pounds.

### 5 May

MARTIN, Diane—To wife of Manuel Martin, AO1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

MARSDEN, John Henry III—To wife of John H. Marsden, Jr., BMC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

GREENFIELD, William Carroll, Jr.—To wife of William C. Greenfield, YN3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

STRICKLAND, David Roy—To wife of Roy Strickland, YN2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

### 6 May

KINDT, Christine A.—To wife of Gilbert Kindt, ChGunner, 6 pounds, 8½ ounces.

### 7 May

WALLEN, Damon Owen—To wife of Clay Wallen, LTJG, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

HUNTER, James Luvern—To wife of Oatis Hunter, BTC, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

SAUNDERS, Baby Girl—To wife of Mahlon Saunders, BM2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**SIGHTS:** (Apologies to Hert Caen)—The handiwork of Charles S. Clark, CSC, on 62A viz. corde handbags, afghans, and unmentionables. Accomplishes same by a mean right hook, the crochet needle... the guitar artistry of Nikolai Nikolaishoili, veteran, of the 41A Bowery. Sounds mighty good on the record machine, too. Maybe he might hobble to some other wards so you can judge for yourself... some of the chess maneuvers Donald Little, ET1, puts into action on 70A. Says he's willing to challenge anyone blindfolded... um-ummh! the stamp collection of LTJG Roland E. Bline strung up over there on 40B. Any man with such philatelic tastes and possessions must have something mortgaged... attractively boxed and a delight to any fisherman's eyes. A feminine admirer (of the flies, please) suggests the would be very novel as earrings, lapel pins, or hat interest. It's been done... Gray Ladies Mrs. Camille and Mrs. Hamilton this last hot Thursday afternoon assisting the patients on 41B with shots of lemon juice, jiggers of sugar and cracked ice. Final outcome: lemonade and relaxed smiles of satisfaction... the green thumbs of Harold Henton, AKAN and Julius Peterson, CS3, making additions to the gardening project around 64B. Some landscaping efforts of Walter Dressel, CSC, and Lawrence Stokes, SN, outside of 75B in evidence, too.

**Have you visited the Red Cross "Dark Room" in Building 102 recently?** It is open Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening. This dark room is equipped with developing tanks, contact printers, and two enlargers and all of the other essentials for photographic work. There are also able teachers in the Dark Room from both the Oakland and Berkeley Camera Clubs and Gray Ladies are also eager to assist you in your photographic problems. Come down to the Dark Room—yes, that was Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening that it is open.

## Tale Of The Teetotaling Dog

Tombstone, Ariz. (SEAL)—There was little resemblance to a "tombstone" atmosphere the day a teetotaling dog refused a shot of whiskey and set off a \$15,500 brawl. It all began when a saloon customer picked up a dog and ordered two drinks, one of which he intended to force upon the animal. The dog refused to imbibe; the customer kicked him. The dog's owner protested, and in the fight that followed an intervening bartender got hit over the head with a beer bottle and nearly had an eye put out by a finger jab. In superior court, the bartender was awarded \$15,000 damages for his eye injury and in addition the man who had ordered the drink for the dog, claiming that his canine guest "was over 21 and thirsty," was fined \$500.



# Who's Who On The Compound

**LTJG Ronald B. Slater, MCR (USNR)**, is a home town boy serving at the U.S.N.H. Oakland. Born in Alameda, and a graduate of the University of California, Dr. Slater is a Ward Medical Officer in the pediatrics ward.

After graduating from Cal and the George Washington School of Medicine, he served his internship at Highland Alameda County Hospital and accepted his commission in the Navy 22 Feb. 1946. He had previously served as an ENS (HVP) during the war from January 1942 to July of 1943.

After receiving his commission he served at the Mare Island Shipyard Dispensary and Hospital, and aboard the USS Hector (AR-7), USS Floyds Bay (AVP-40), and USS Gardiners Bay (AVP-39) before reporting to Oak Knoll on 2 October 1948. His duty has also included Guam, Saipan, the Marshall Islands, and Alaska.



Working in X-Ray, **Clara L. Woods, HN(W)**, adds the southern touch to the department. But don't let the fact that she was born in South Boston, Virginia, bother you. Her residence is in Durham, North Carolina, and for the two years prior to her re-enlisting in the Navy she was living in Cleveland, Ohio. That is what you call getting around.

Miss Woods served 18 months in the Navy during the war, 15 of those months in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She was discharged in 1946, and re-enlisted in December of 1948, reporting to Oak Knoll on 9 January 1949, from Great Lakes, Illinois.

Clara is very fond of bowling, dancing, and horseback riding. She has a man "on the string" back in Cleveland, and plans to be married this summer.



Just back from a three weeks' vacation in Mexico City and the Guatemala Highlands — where days are filled with music, dancing, and flowers—**Lois Wilson** has found it a little difficult to settle back into the routine of her job as secretary in the Out-Patient Department.

Miss Wilson is an "old-timer" here, having joined the staff on July 8, 1942, just six days after the hospital was commissioned. She transferred to this activity from the Army Supply Depot, Oakland.

A native of the small Southern California town of Tustin, Miss Wilson now makes her home in Berkeley. Next to traveling, her favorite forms of recreation are dancing and reading—particularly about the countries where she plans to travel.



We couldn't let **C. A. Alwood, HMC**, leave without saying a word or two about him in print. Every one who has been here on the compound for any length of time knows him. He now works in the epidemiology unit. But Monday he leaves for Portsmouth, Virginia, and Independent Duty School.

For sports, the Chief is high. He has been a member of the Married Chiefs' bowling team, manager of the very tough Oak Knoll baseball team in 1947 when it sported such players as All-Navy Jim Quinlan and fireballer Bob Liggett, helped coach the 1947-48 hardwood squad, and in general has been a big booster of Knoll athletics. During the summer months, Alwood is an umpire in the City Softball league, and this year has served as arbiter in several of the Oak Knoll Pirates' home games.

His recreation runs along the same line as his coaching—baseball, softball and bowling.

## Navy Relief Society's Mrs. Muriel Adams Is OPD's Visiting Nurse

One of the busiest telephones in the Out-Patient Department will be answered by a new voice this week, while Mrs. Muriel Adams, who has commandeered that phone for the past four years, goes on her vacation. Before she left her office in the care of Betty Gorman, we detained her long enough to find out why 231 rings persistently from 8:30 to 10:00 each morning. We learned that answering calls from new mothers who have recently left Oak Knoll is only part of the work of Mrs. Adams, the Navy Relief Society's visiting nurse, who makes her headquarters in the Out-Patient Department. Navy Relief provides three visiting nurses in the Bay Area for the convenience of Navy dependents. (So Navy husbands should not scream like banshees when they hear that another Navy Relief drive is on.) This service was organized by Mrs. Nimitz, wife of the Fleet Admiral, soon after the hospital was commissioned.

Mrs. Adams herself makes one routine call on every Oak Knoll maternity patient, covering all of Berkeley, Albany, San Francisco, Moffett Field, El Cerrito, Richmond, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Pleasanton, and Alameda. She saw 188 babies through their immunizations last month.

The visiting nurse's work includes a lecture to new mothers to help them after they have left the hospital. In it she includes pointers on all phases

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## House Gets Pay Bill; Early Action Expected

The House Armed Services Committee expects to approve the Kilday Pay Bill and report it to the House of Representatives next week. The committee will attempt to secure early consideration of the measure, and its passage by the House is expected within two weeks.

The bill in its present form would call for an increase in expenditure of about \$490,000,000 in the first year, nearly \$100,000,000 in excess of the President's 1950 budget estimates for this purpose. However, some consideration has been given to postponing the effective date of the new pay scales to 1 October next, which would bring the 1950 expenditures well within the President's budgetary limitation. The cost in subsequent years would be materially less, due to the rapid elimination of family allowances with the expiration of current enlistment contracts.

(Excerpt from the Army-Navy Journal of 7 May, 1949).

## Welcome and Farewell

Two persons reported aboard during the past week. They were CAPT. Harry C. Oard, MC, USN., from the Memorial Hospital, Guam, M.I., where he served as MOinC, and M. G. Neeley, HM3, from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland.

Departing from the station was M. C. Smith, HN, to USNH Long Beach, Calif., for course of instruction in X-Ray. LT Lucille M. Wilson, NC, was detached from the service.

## NEEDLES by G.T. BRANSFORD



"Hey, Jarhead, looks like the front office is planning a new campaign, doesn't it?"



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## MOVIES

Sunday, 15 May

### THE FAN

J. Craine — G. Sanders  
Report on the Atom  
News

Monday, 16 May

### TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST

A. Ladd — B. Donlevy  
Wolf in Shieks Clothing

Tuesday, 17 May

### CHAMPION

K. Douglas — M. Maxwell  
Bumble Bee

Wednesday, 18 May

### BELLE STARR'S DAUGHTER

G. Montgomery — R. Roman  
Wooden Indian

Thursday, 19 May

### THE WINDOW

B. Driscoll — B. Hale  
Men of the Shooting Stars

Friday, 20 May

### MAN HANDLED

D. Lamour — D. Duryes  
Hot Air Aces  
News

Saturday, 21 May

### THE UNSUSPECTED

J. Caulfield — C. Raines

## COMEDY OF ERRORS—

# Pirates Outrun Alameda For 10-7 Win In A Wild And Wooly Diamond Classic

Oak Knoll softball fans were treated to a madcap merry-go-round disguised as a softball game on the local diamond Tuesday night when the Knollites ran around the bases thrice more than visiting N.A.S. Alameda to emerge a 10-7 winner in a 12ND Softball League game.

Not since the great Al Schacht was in his prime has the diamond game seen such a display of comedy. Even the umpires got into the act, as base-runners who were obviously out were called safe by the arbiters, and vice-versa. Balls were hitting the batters as often as they were the catcher's mitt, but only one managed to talk the umpire into letting him take his base. But through the maze of miscues (6 for our side, 4 for theirs) the Pirates won!

In the first inning Lalla singled, Shroeder tagged another single, and Lalla came around on Lazo's ace to center. Stevenson drew a walk to load the bags. Johnson lined a hit to left, which at this most opportune time, the left fielder allowed the ball to roll between his legs, and three runs poured across for the Knollites.

In the second and third frames the locals used every weapon known to man to score a pair of runs in each inning. Walks, errors, stolen bases, illegal pitches and yes, even two hits, accounted for the runs.

Alameda broke into the scoring column in the fourth. Lalla tinkered with Landers' drive to short too long, and he was on first via the error. Lyon singled and Landers went to third. Alameda then decided to use the old double-steal. Not to be outdone, Oak Knoll decided to use the cut-off play, but Young dropped the ball and Alameda won the strategical argument when Landers crossed the plate. Two more hits brought Lyon around to make the score 8 to 2. They made it 8 to 4 in the fifth on a walk, two errors, and an honest-to-goodness hit.

In the Oak Knoll half of the fifth Claude Johnson, who stands his watch in left field for the Pirates, tied into one of Alameda chucker Bob Nelson's fast ones and sent it sailing into the weeds deep into left center to make it 9 to 4. Then came the fatal sixth!

Salais was an apparent easy put-out at first, but Shroeder pulled his foot off the bag and Salais was on. Simmons singled, as did Nelson, scoring Salais. Howard got on with an infield hit when Lalla took his ground ball at short and started to throw to second to force Nelson, but there wasn't anybody home, and it was too late to throw to first. Thus, bases loaded.

Now the fun begins. Kohler lifted

to Johnson in left, who threw to the plate in an attempt to cut off a run. The Knoll infielders tried to throw somebody out on the bases, and the ball buzzed around like an inebriated house-fly, winding up in the mitt of the third baseman, who put the ball gently but firmly on the base runner and who, to the astonishment of all, was called safe. Meanwhile, two runs scored and it was 9 to 7. It all ended in the bottom of the sixth when Lazo bashed a triple and scored on McComas' single, to account for the final tally of ten runs to the visitors' seven.

Christie, making his first mound appearance for the locals, did a nice piece of throwing, considering the confusion behind him.

Line Score:	R	H	E
Alameda	0	0	0
Oak Knoll	4	2	2
Batteries:	Nelson and Simmons;	Christie and Stevenson.	

## Navy Relief Nurse

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of baby care; nor does she neglect suggestions on how new mothers should care for themselves.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays find all new mothers gathered in the 73-A lecture room. Mrs. Adams tells them to take life easy and let their husbands run errands. The audience looks a little dubious at this admonition, but the nurse has great faith in Navy men's versatility. She also cautions mothers against letting people "kitchy-kitchy koo" the baby unless they wear clean gowns and masks and then infrequently.

Complaints and questions are Mrs. Adams' specialty. She would rather get up at midnight to answer a simple question than have new mothers following the advice of milkmen, shoe salesmen, or various and sundry relatives. If any startling developments occur, Mrs. Adams recommends the nearest clinic or suggests a return visit to Oak Knoll's Pediatric Department.

We said goodbye to Mrs. Adams as she was giving the last baby bath demonstration of the week before she rushed away to pick up her own child and head for the Southland on her well-deserved vacation.

## Departmental Softball League Begins Schedule

With the popularity of the station bowling league established, the Welfare and Recreation Department enters into a new field this summer—namely, the softball field.

Eight teams are entered in the new league. They are Dental Department, Civil Service, Laboratory, Officers, Administration Building, Property and Accounting, Port Watch Hospital Corpsmen, and Starboard Watch Hospital Corpsmen.

Games will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week at 1630, each team playing six or seven games during the first round-robin which will end on 6 July. Teams are limited to 15 men, and none may be added without approval of the team captains and the Recreation Officer.

Anybody who likes high scoring ball games shouldn't miss this league. Scores in practice games have reached the dizzy height of twenty or more runs per team per game. One of the contributing factors is the fact that spikes are barred from the league, cutting down on the quality of ball that is played.

Scores and league standings will be carried in the Oak Leaf starting next week.

## Sid Hoff Orchestra Will Play For Dance

Sid Hoff and his Orchestra will supply the music and entertainment for a staff only dance in Ship's Service Auditorium on Wednesday, 18 May at 2000.

The Sid Hoff aggregation will be closing a three-year engagement at the Ali Baba in Oakland tomorrow night, and next Friday they begin a summer engagement in Yosemite Valley. The Orchestra consists of 12 musicians and a girl vocalist. Handling the vocals will be Jean Francis, Glenn Willard and Sid himself. Also featured are the novelty presentations of Comedian Donn Kapp.

A gentleman, on being informed that he was the proud father of triplets, was so overjoyed at the news that he rushed immediately to the hospital, where his wife and newly acquired family were, and dashed pell-mell into the room.

The nurse, being out at the time, was irritated upon her return and remonstrated with the father.

"Don't you know beter than to come in here in germ-filled clothes? Why, you're not sterile."

He looked at her a moment and then said, "Lady, are you telling me?"

## STALEMATE



## Dog Watch



## By Ed Hughes, LI3







# THE OAK LEAF



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 21 May, 1949

## \$1 For Navy Relief May Bring Buick

The beautiful Buick convertible pictured below; or an equally shiny new Chevrolet two-door deluxe sedan may be yours as of June 4. All you have to do is hold the lucky number when the Navy Relief benefit drawing is held at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, on that date. The drawing will climax a big three-day carnival to be held at the air station on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 2, 3, and 4.

Tickets will be on sale here from now until May 31, according to LCDR Robert F. McComas, CHC, USN, the hospital's senior chaplain and Navy Relief representative. He and a corps of salesmen representing all departments are covering the compound, and several hundred tickets have already been sold. It is therefore quite possible that the Buick may soon be parked at Oak Knoll daily instead of being brought here by truck for publicity purposes. The same may be said of the maroon Chevrolet which will be exhibited here next week.

Since this hospital's Navy Relief office is a branch of the East San Francisco Bay Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society, whose headquarters are at Alameda, the benefit is for Oak Knoll as well as for other East Bay Naval activities.

The raffle and carnival have been organized to bring in all funds needed for Navy Relief during the coming year, and no other contributions will be solicited. Fifty per cent of all money taken in will be spent for prizes, and the other fifty per cent will be given to Navy Relief.

**FOUND** — Man's wrist watch and cigarette lighter. Owner may claim by contacting Mr. Swofford in the Staff Personnel Office and describing same.



This snappy Buick convertible, a Chevrolet, television set, a set of sterling silver, a refrigerator or a radio may be yours for \$1—if you are lucky.

## Iranian Roentgenologist Visits X-Ray Department

Dr. Mohammad Hessaby, professor of roentgenology, University of Teheran, Iran, was an Oak Knoll visitor last Thursday.

Dr. Hessaby, on leave from his teaching post in Iran, is observing radiology techniques in various universities and hospitals in the United States. At Oak Knoll he spent several hours observing cases and discussing the work with Captain K. H. Vinnedge, head of the x-ray department and members of his staff.

Also interested in Red Cross activities since he is a member of the organization in Iran, Dr. Hessaby talked with Miss Marie Adams, Field Director, and saw some of the work being done by the Red Cross at this station.

## Twelve Corpsmen Are Advanced In Rating

Eleven Hospital Corpsmen and one Dental Technician were advanced in rate effective 16 May, 1949. Two men, A. A. Mills and W. C. Stinson were advanced from HM2 to HM1.

Advanced from HN to HM3 were J. P. Crovok, C. E. Grant, S. A. Harper, S. S. Lyle, T. J. Moses, R. L. Noel, M. L. Platt, E. B. Turner, and R. B. Williams.

Jack S. West was advanced from DN to DT3.

## Staff Officers To Picnic At Temescal Tomorrow

Staff officers and their families will hold their first picnic of the season tomorrow, Sunday, at Lake Temescal Park.

The outing, which will begin at 1300, will feature games and contests, food, beer, and a baby sitter to look after the children. No reservations for the picnic are necessary.

## Captain H. C. Oard Reports Aboard For Assignment as Chief of Medicine

Captain H. C. Oard, MC, USN, who reported to Oak Knoll on 3 May to relieve Captain J. H. Ward as Chief of Medicine, brings to this hospital a wide background of training and experience in civilian and Navy medicine. He was born on a farm near "some little town in Minnesota." In 1923 he was graduated from Yale University. The following year he studied at Sheffield Scientific School and in 1928 was graduated from the Yale School of Medicine. Upon completion of his internship there, he hung out his shingle in Queen's County, New York City, and during his 11 years in private practice served as clinical instructor of medicine at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital and was on the staffs of Queen's General, Jamaica, Mary Immaculate, and Triboro hospitals.

### On Active Duty Since '41

In February, 1941, Dr. Oard, then a reservist, volunteered for active duty in the Navy Medical Corps, reporting to U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, for his first assignment. He later served aboard the USS Relief and the USS Memphis and for three years was Chief of Medicine at USNH, Bainbridge, Maryland. During his tour of duty there he met Mrs. Oard, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and a member of the Navy Nurse Corps Reserve. They were married in 1945.

In December, 1946, Dr. Oard reported to Guam Memorial Hospital in the Marianas Islands to serve as Medical Officer in Command until his recent detachment to Oak Knoll.

### Diplomate of Board

The new Chief of Medicine is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a member of Queen's County Medical Society, New York City, and of Sigma XI and Alpha Omega Alpha, scientific and medical honor societies.

He has two children—a son William, recent honor graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a daughter Nancy, now in school in New York.



CAPT. H. C. OARD, MC, USN

## Wives' Club Elects Mrs. Carr President

Navy Relief and new officers held the attention of Oak Knoll Officers' Wives when they met for luncheon at the Officers' Club, NAS, Alameda, on 11 May.

Following the luncheon Mrs. R. M. Gillett introduced Mrs. Henry McComsey, wife of Captain McComsey, NAS Commanding Officer and president of the East San Francisco Bay Navy Relief Auxiliary and Mrs. Robert Warren, Executive Secretary of the Auxiliary. Both spoke of the many services of the Navy Relief Society. Announcements were made concerning a Navy Relief training program to be given here in the near future, and several members of the club signed up for the classes.

At the annual election of officers Mrs. C. R. Carr was named president; Mrs. M. R. Wirthlin, vice-president; Mrs. William Griffiths, secretary; Mrs. John Miller, treasurer. Retiring officers are Mrs. Kenneth Vinnedge, president; Mrs. Carr, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Douglas, secretary; Mrs. Dean Schufeldt, treasurer.

During the luncheon, flowers were presented to Mrs. S. S. Cook, wife of the commanding officer, Mrs. Vinnedge and Mrs. Gillett, past presidents, and Mrs. Page Northington, chairman of the advisory committee. Hostesses were Mrs. George Mills, Mrs. W. S. Francis, Mrs. Wallace Allen, Mrs. H. F. Thompson, and Mrs. Emanuel Rollins.

### SMALL STORES

Effective 1 July, 1949, clothing and small stores will have an increase in prices ranging from \$.05 to \$2.25. Articles such as shoes, blues, whites and overcoats will be affected by the boost in prices.



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# MOVIES

Sunday, 22 May

**CITY ACROSS THE RIVER**  
S. McNally — S. England  
The Old Shell Game  
News

Monday, 23 May

**CROSS MY HEART**  
B. Hutton — S. Tufts  
Riding the Waves

Tuesday, 24 May

**WE WERE STRANGERS**  
J. Garfield — J. Jones

Wednesday, 25 May

**TUNA CLIPPER**  
R. McDowell — E. Verdugo  
Drums of India

Thursday, 26 May

**LADY OF BURLESQUE**  
B. Stanwyck — M. O'Shea  
Comin' Round the Mountain

Friday, 27 May

**EDWARD MY SON**  
S. Tracy — D. Kerr  
News

Saturday, 28 May

**MY WILD IRISH ROSE**  
D. Morgan — A. King  
Mexican Joyride

## PacResFlt Rallies In Last Frame To Nudge Pirates 6-5

Despite the fact they out-hit and out-fielded their opponents, Oak Knoll's Pirates dropped a 6 to 5 decision to the Alameda group, Pacific Reserve Fleet, last Tuesday on the Alameda diamond. The Knollites were never ahead in the ball game, but did come from behind to tie it up in the top of the seventh when Jack Lalla homered with two aboard, only to lose with one away in the bottom half of the same inning.

Two walks and a hit put Alameda in front in the first inning, and they added two more in the third when Desorcey walked and proceeded to third on a pair of long flies. Pendell also walked and broke for second. Charley Stevenson, Knoll catcher, threw to second in an attempt to nab Pendell, but no one made a move to cover the bag and the ball rolled into center field, allowing both baserunners to score.

In the top of the fifth the locals garnered two runs when McComas led off with a single and scored on Schroeder's double to left center, but Schroeder was thrown out trying to stretch the blow to a triple. Gelien then walked, and Newman got a double when the Alameda right fielder lost the ball in the sun, and Gelien scored. Newman went to third on an error by the Alameda first baseman, and was thrown out at the plate attempting to score after Lalla lifted a short fly to left field.

Alameda made it 5 to 2 with one run each in the fifth and sixth innings. Then in the Pirates' turn at bat in the seventh, Newman and Howell both walked to start the inning. Newman was thrown out at third trying to go down on a passed ball by the catcher. Young followed with a hit, setting the stage for Lalla's four-master to tie up the ball game.

Newman left the ball game in the bottom of the seventh, complaining of a sore arm, and Christie went in to pitch. The first man up went out short to first, but Evans came through with a hit. Christie's control then began to waver with two walks loading the bases. Fohl then wrote finis to the fray by drilling a line single over third base, and Evans came across with the winning run.

### Line Score

	R	H	E
Oak Knoll.....	0	0	0
PacResFlt .....	1	0	2

\*One out when winning run scored.  
Batteries: Newman, Christie (7), and Stevenson; Long and Fohl.



By Armed Forces Press Service

AFPS brings you another commentary by a prominent sports writer. Guest columning in "Sportin' around" this week is:

JOHN WHEELER

The New York Times

Big league baseball used to be a lusty, robust game. Now, every time Leo Durocher bats an eye some fan claims he was punched, kicked and torn limb from limb. In the old days players figured spectators paid to watch games and not to spend the afternoon abusing the performers by making slurring remarks about their relatives by marriage and forebears.

One afternoon in the old American League park in New York, Ty Cobb heard a raucous fan ride him for six or seven innings. Instead of going back to the bench, Ty, having spotted the heckler, climbed into the bleachers and took care of the character so that he was not only silenced for the rest of that day but for a week or so afterward. Nothing happened to Cobb. He was too valuable an asset of the American League, and most everybody thought the abusive fan got what was coming to him.

Ty would fight anyone. Billy Evans, the American League umpire, who was quite a boxer and had plenty of moxie himself, got into an argument with Cobb one day in Washington or Philadelphia and there were some acrimonious exchanges. Instead of tossing Ty out, as he had the right to do, the umpire said, "Why don't you meet me under the grandstand after the game?"

Cobb was the kind of fighter that, if someone chased you up an alley, you would like to have him on your side. Although I didn't see the battle, witnesses reported at the time that Evans got much the worst of it. But Billy never complained to anyone.

John McGraw used to take a swing occasionally at a fan who got too obstreperous, but he was a paper-bag puncher in spite of his nickname, Muggsy, which he despised, and he seldom came out on top. However, he was always in there trying, and no one ever thought of kicking him out of baseball. Even Tim Hurst, the old umpire, once in a while would let go at a player or fan who crossed him.

There used to be a waiter who came out to the Polo Grounds and paid 50 cents or whatever it cost to get into the bleachers in those days. He rode Josh Devore, the Giant left fielder, who was really a mild fellow but handy from where the baseball bug

## Griffin's Gestapo Rolls Over Snake's Sluggers

Lake Temescal's picnic ground was the scene of a softball game Sunday between two teams managed by R. L. Griffin, HMC, Chief Master-at-Arms, and A. B. Simmons, BTC, a patient on Ward 70-B. Billed as a game between "Griffin's Dry-Gulchers" and "Snake's Sluggers," the game was played (to use the term loosely) on a slippery field, with Griffin's goosy gang busters emerging victorious, despite the mud, 22-5.

At stake were the refreshments (including that cool golden liquid which it isn't nice to mention in print) and individual pride. The "power" of the Griffin nine was in evidence in the first inning as they slid and sloshed around for seven runs, and before the thing was over everybody had played two or three positions and had beer in the batter's box innumerable times.

Several times members of both teams came up with some spectacular (if not miraculous) plays, and of course messed up some darn simple operations that would have made Abner Doubleday turn over in his grave and yell uncle.

However, despite the slippery grass, no one was injured, although some were looking for soft places to sit after having hard collisions with mother earth. It was all in fun, and everybody had lots of it.

Next to lightning, the fastest thing in the world is a nudist who spilled hot coffee in his lap.

She: "Don't you think dancing makes a girl's feet larger?"

He: "Yeah."

She: "I rather think swimming gives a girl awfully big shoulders, don't you?"

He: "Yeah."

Pause

He: "You must ride quite a bit, too."

"I think she is priceless."

"I know she is, I tried."

sat. After the game, one day, Josh asked him to lay off. Said the fan, "You see, I am a waiter, so when I'm at work everybody abuses me—the boss, the cook, the captain and the customers—I come out here to get square, and one day you're a customer and the next the cook."

"Go ahead," said Josh. "It's okay with me." But after that the man moved to the center-field bleachers.

Yes! It seems like big league baseball is getting a little anemic. Nowadays most rooters wouldn't consider going to the ball park without their lawyers, especially if Durocher is one of the managers.

## STALEMATE



## Safety Second



By Ed Hughes, LI3







# THE OAK LEAF



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 28 May, 1949

## Chief of Surgery Certified to Board



CAPT. H. G. YOUNG, MC, USN

Captain Harold G. Young, MC, USN, Chief of the Surgical Service this week received notice that he has been certified to the American Board of Surgery, having successfully passed the board examinations given in San Francisco on 29 April.

Captain Young has served in the Navy Medical Corps for 22 years, having been commissioned immediately after receiving his M.D. at Northwestern University in 1927. During these years he has had tours of duty at the Naval hospitals at Chelsea, Great Lakes, San Diego, Philadelphia, Parris Island, and Oak Knoll, where he has served in his present capacity since 15 December, 1945.

Aboard the USS Arkansas early in World War II, he was on North Atlantic duty and later participated in the North African landings. When hostilities in the South Pacific were at their peak, he organized and took out Corps Evacuation Hospital No. 1 with the Marines at Iwo Jima. He was serving as Corps Surgeon with the Fifth Amphibious Corps when he received orders to report to Oak Knoll.

Captain Young has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1939.

## Stamp Commemorates Annapolis Tercentenary

The Post Office Department this week issued a new stamp commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The stamp was issued through the Annapolis Post Office Monday and has been available here since Wednesday.

On the stamp is a map showing the Maryland shore line, Chesapeake

## Prizes Multiply As Navy Relief Drive Reaches Final Week

Holders of Navy Relief benefit tickets here and elsewhere throughout the Bay Area fondled their tickets with growing confidence this week as dispatches from NAS Alameda announced that prizes totaling \$10,000 will be given away at the drawing Saturday night, 4 June.

This means that another \$10,000 has been raised for Navy Relief, since 50 per cent of the intake from ticket sales is to be used for that purpose. The raffle and carnival to be held next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Alameda are being sponsored by the East San Francisco Bay Auxiliary of Navy Relief, which includes Oak Knoll as well as the Air station and other East Bay Navy activities.

The prize list now includes a Buick Convertible, Chevrolet Two-door Sedan, complete Bendix home laundry with automatic washer, dryer, and ironer; mahogany four-door General Electric console radio phonograph, two Magnavox console radio phonographs, two Motorola chairside radio phonographs, three RCA table model radios, Crosley television set, six-foot Standard Hotpoint refrigerator, eight-foot Hotpoint refrigerator, two Hotpoint deep freezers, Frigidaire deep freezer, Frigidaire electric stove, three six-piece sets of Revere kitchen ware, eight millimeter Revere movie camera, 54 piece set of Towle sterling, Westinghouse electric comforter, three Royal vacuum cleaners, Zephyr outboard motor, two complete golf outfits, four tennis outfits, six trout-fishing outfits, and six boat-fishing outfits.

Hours for the carnival are 1300-2300, except on Friday when doors will open at 1630. Oak Knoll will operate two booths at the carnival—a lucky wheel, with stuffed toys for the prizes (operated by Mrs. Harold Hirshland and a committee of officers and their wives), and a nickel pitch game run by L. P. Newman, HMC, and a corps of enlisted men and their wives.

Tickets for the drawing, which will take place on the last night of the carnival, will be on sale here until 1630, 31 May.

Bay and the Severn River, with the academy crest and the words "Annapolis Tercentenary 1649-1949."

## Memorial Day 1949 Brings Memories Of the Past -- Promise for the Future



While the living comrades of those buried on fields of battle stand at salute, a bugle sounds taps and voices the promise that they have not died in vain.—(Official Navy Photograph.)

## District Tournaments To Begin Next Month

District tournaments to find contenders for all-Navy titles in swimming, golf, and tennis, will be held in the district during the next two months.

First of the three will be the District swimming and diving meet to be held at Treasure Island Pool on 15 June. The following events will be included: 1500 meter swim, 200 meter freestyle, 100 meter backstroke, 400 meter freestyle, 3 meter springboard dive, 100 meter freestyle, 800 meter freestyle relay, and 30 meter individual medley swim.

Second of the tournaments will be the District golf tournament to be held at the Lake Chabot Golf Course on 13, 14 and 15 June, 1949. The four low medal scores from the 72 holes of competition will compete in the West Coast Group tourney in July.

District competition in tennis will begin on 15 June at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Three singles and one doubles team will be selected to represent the district in the WCG Tournament at Alameda on 21 June.

Anyone interested in competing in the above meets should contact the recreation officer as soon as possible.

## Station Library Now Has Evening Hours

New evening hours for the station library were announced this week by Miss Marguerite Hand, librarian. Effective this week the library is open from 0800-1630 and 1800-2100 Monday through Friday and from 0830-1100 on Saturday.

The library collection consists of approximately 18,000 books covering a wide range of subjects—westerns, detectives, short stories, technical books, novels, and non-fiction.

New books are added to the library each month, and care is taken to provide the nation's best sellers as well as the classics and the books that are always in demand. If, as you read Joseph Henry Jackson's book section in the Sunday Chronicle, you see a book you wish to read, call the library on Monday and leave a request for it. We may have it in the collection already; if not, the next time books are purchased it will be included in the order if there is a demand for it.

Magazines received in the library are placed in the rack in the reading room and all extra copies are distributed throughout the wards. Recently the magazine subscription list was almost doubled so that in the future there will be more periodicals available for the bed patients. A few of those regularly received are Popular

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### In Memoriam

James H. Forrestal



# The Oak Leaf

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## YOUR NAVY RELIEF DOLLAR TALKS

I am the dollar you gave to Navy Relief last year. I thought you might be interested in knowing where I have been since I left your purse.

In June, I went to the local auxiliary, where I was loaned to a young wife who had arrived without funds to join her husband. I went to work with several of my dollar friends to provide food and housing for the rest of the month. I was returned to the auxiliary the following month.

I thought I would have a rest, but almost immediately I was joined by 49 other dollars in a loan to pay the dental bill for the wife of a serviceman, who had been advised by Naval medical authorities her teeth needed immediate attention. I was out on this job for four months.

Again I dared think of taking a few days off, but instead I went to the aid of a wife and two small children who had not received their family allowance check for three months. I was able to relieve their situation and help provide at least the necessities of life during the next month. At that time I was joined by more of my friends to carry this family through another month. By that time the allowance checks were received and I was again returned to the Navy Relief Office.

My next excursion took me to a Marine who had been evacuated from a hospital ship in China, and who had arrived at the Naval Hospital without funds. His pay records were still with his company, which in the meantime had been transferred to places unknown. He had not been paid for more than two months. I helped make it possible for this man to have his wife with him here during the period of his convalescence. I feel that his recovery was hastened by my assistance. About the middle of March, his pay accounts finally caught up with him and I was again returned to the Navy Relief Society.

I now joined other Navy Relief dollars to become part of a gratuity to a seaman whose child had been seriously ill, and who was staggering under an indebtedness greater than his gross pay for three months.

So you see, the dollar that you gave has in the course of the year done the work of \$5.00 in helping ease the burden of five of our Navy families.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"Get hep to the spot that's solid." These are the words I ran across not so long ago which were used to advertise a night spot. I'm not an expert on "slanguage" but I think they were trying to say "Learn to depend upon the dependable." That fits in well with what a lot of people, young and old, need to hear today.

In my mind the Christian religion is that dependable something in which we should put our trust and confidence—that dependable something around which we should construct a sane and workable philosophy of life.

The Christian religion might be called by some a sublime presumption in the midst of a world of stark reality. Only when you have fought and won the battle of faith in your own heart does religion become a "Stark reality" in a world of many presumptions. Christianity teaches that Jesus of Nazareth came to the earth to show man that God is a living personality and can be reached. The fact that we call ourselves Christians, even though our support of the Church through attendance and gifts is disgraceful, is an important admission that we do feel the need of a power higher than ourselves upon which we can depend. In God alone through Jesus Christ can be found the answer to that need. To satisfy other needs of the body we often spare no effort and yet this most basic need of the human soul is pitifully and tragically neglected. When are we going to realize that there is truth in the words of Christ, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things shall be added unto you." Don't wait until you have tried everything else and are still left unsatisfied, before you try and test the truths of Him who never fails.

—ROBERT F. MCCOMAS, Chaplain, U.S.N.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Stamp Static:** Our "stamp nuts" almost beat out the "chess nuts" for sheer enthusiasm about their subject. Anyone, either bed or walking patient, who would like to meet other collectors, contact Miss Edmonds, Red Cross club sponsor. She reports that lots of good stamps have recently been donated so that there will be an interesting selection to augment your collection. Those who want albums, particularly bed patients, will have stamp-minded visitors bring them supplies. Our old friend Mr. Cano, stamp expert from San Leandro, meets with the club each Wednesday and also sees interested patients on the wards.

Those flowers which appeared on your bedside table on a Friday afternoon have been sent by members of the Berkeley Junior Red Cross. Each week the pupils of one school collect flowers from their own homes and from generous neighbors. At school they arrange them in appropriate containers (usually by courtesy of Folger's and Hills Brothers).

Thanks to the pupils of Burbank Junior High School, Anna Head School for Girls, St. Joseph's Grammar School, and Columbus, LeConte, Cornell, Marin, and Jefferson Elementary schools.

**How's your billfold?** Recently Ward 61-A staged a birthday party for several of its May-born men—**R. C. Uttrich, QMC, Gilbert Dowty, veteran, Charles E. Robertson, FN, and J. C. Asideo, veteran.** The other patients, with Red Cross assistance, planned the party. Flowers, cake, fudge, and Cola appeared, while small gifts were presented by ward mates. An unusual feature of this occasion was the Billfold Contest. Winners were **Gilbert Dowty, veteran, for fattest billfold, Claude Smith, veteran, thinnest billfold, William Ward, veteran, Greatest Number of Articles (30), and Harry Waters, veteran, for the Oldest Dated as well as the Most Unusual Article in a billfold.** This was a dog tag from the First World War. **Carl Shroeder, veteran, got the "consolation" prize for having only three articles in his billfold!**

Our local hospital chess club has a weekly news sheet appropriately entitled "Chess Nuts." Cartoon decorations are the gift of **G. J. Bransford, creator of "Needles."**

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School ..... 1000

Nursery ..... 1100

Church Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

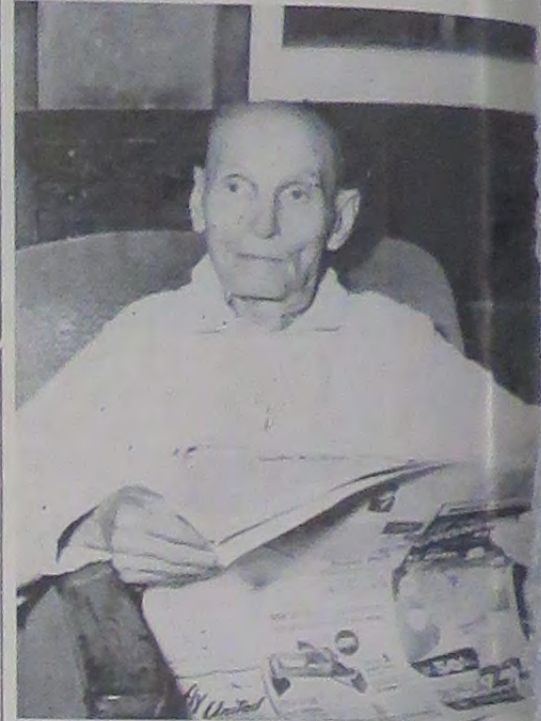
Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## Gustaf Schonning, 80, Holds Last CMAA Rate



GUSTAF SCHONNING

At 80 Gustaf Schonning is, so far as anyone has been able to determine, the only Navy man, active or retired, now holding the rate of Chief Master at-Arms. This rate was granted to Schonning in 1902, not long after he had served in the Spanish-American War. It was discontinued in the early twenties.

"Old Gus," as the retired chief is affectionately known by his friends, was born in Sweden in December, 1868. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1890 at the age of 22, and during the next 30 years served successively aboard the Independence, the Charleston, Marion, Lancaster Alliance, Alert, Monterey, Buffalo, and Pensacola, and earned for himself seven good conduct medals. He was put on the retired list on 13 September, 1919.

Over on Ward 44-B, where Schonning is receiving treatment, it is reported that he is a cheerful, cooperative patient—except occasionally when he complains that Navy chow just doesn't taste the same as it did back in the 1800's.

When she returned home from her date, her mother noticed that one of her shoes was muddy.

"What makes your right shoe muddy and not your left?" she asked.

"I changed my mind," she said simply.

\* \* \*

Two cockroaches lunched in a dirty old sewer and excitedly discussed the spotless, glistening new restaurant in the neighborhood from which they had been barred. "I hear," said one, "that the refrigerators shine like polished silver. The shelves are clean as a whistle. The floors sparkle like diamonds. It's so clean..."

"Please," said the second in disgust, nibbling on a mouldy roll. "Not while I'm eating."

\* \* \*

He: May I kiss you?

She: (Silence).

He: May I please kiss you?

She: (More silence).

He: Say, are you deaf?

She: No, are you paralyzed?

\* \* \*

Three student nurses were very late getting back to the hospital on night. As they were slipping in, they met three internes coming out.

"Sh" said the nurses, "we've been out after hours."

"Sh" said the internes, "we're going out after ours."



# Who's Who On The Compound



Helping keep track of the staff personnel aboard the station is the job of **Ronald E. McPherson, HM3**, one of four men assigned to the task top-side in the Administration Building.

McPherson was born in Seattle, Washington, but enlisted in San Francisco on 5 November, 1947. After "boots" in San Diego, and Corps School aboard the same station he reported to Oak Knoll on 6 May, 1948.

His favorite recreational activities are swimming and basketball. Travel for Mac has been restricted to frequent excursions to Tiajuana, Mexico, while in the San Diego area.



The man hiding behind the facial foliage in the accompanying picture is **Graydon Bannert**, a civilian employee of Public Works. A carpenter by trade, he came to Oak Knoll from the Naval storehouse in Alameda in July of 1947.

A native of Denton, Texas, Bannert is married and the father of five little Bannert's, ranging from Graydon, Jr., age 15, down to Margaret, who is eight. In between are Patricia, 14, Kathleen Ann, 12, and John, 10. He, his wife Mary, and the children live at 4249 Highland Blvd., Hayward.

On that long awaited week end off, Bannert believes in hunting and fishing to pass the time.

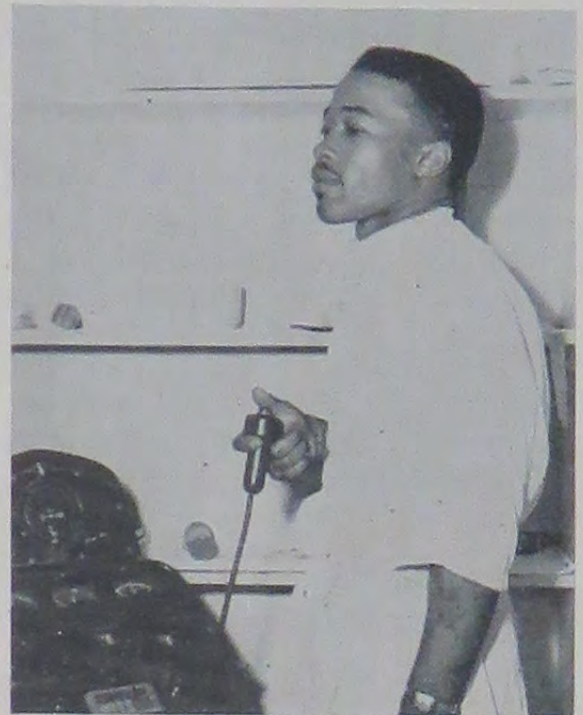
## NOTICE

Ship's Service Fountain will be open from 1300 to 2000 Monday, May 30, while Ship's Service Store and other facilities remain closed for the holiday.

After serving in the Army for 5½ years, **Murray L. Chappill, HN**, of X-Ray enlisted in the Navy on 2 February, 1948, in Houston, Texas. During his tour of duty in the Army, Chappill saw service in the European Theatre of Operations.

He reported to Oak Knoll on 12 April, 1948, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California, and now lives at 26 Urdelle Street, San Francisco, with his wife Sudie and their two children, Murray and Juanita.

Chappill is a great photography fan, and is equally enthusiastic about outdoor activities, particularly swimming, tennis, golf and fishing.



**LT. Rose H. Lavigne's** profession is nursing. Her hobby is ballet dancing. And rumor has it that she's equally good at both.

Currently Miss Lavigne is acting assistant to the Senior Nurse Corps Officer. She reported to Oak Knoll in July, 1948, from USNH Guam and had previously had tours of duty at Treasure Island, Washington, D.C., Bethesda, Guantanamo Bay, and aboard the USS General G. M. Randall, a transport carrying dependents. While on this assignment she had the opportunity of visiting China, Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, Samar, Honolulu, and Saipan.

Currently the Navy Nurse is dancing at the Temoff School of Ballet which last Sunday presented "The Snow Maiden" as its annual public recital. In the program at the Palace of the Legion of Honor she appeared in the Bird Dance, Nyad, and Buffoon dances. She was previously a member of the San Francisco Russian Opera Ballet Association for two years, and before being stationed on the West Coast, she had studied at Cavanaugh Academy, Philadelphia.

She entered the Navy Nurse Corps in Philadelphia in 1938.



## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-three births were recorded in the Oak Knoll Out-Patient Department during the week of May 15-21.

**15 May**  
**COTTINGHAM**, Nancy Katherine — To wife of Russell Cottingham, RD1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

**MOUNTAIN**, Ronald Leslie — To wife of Jimmie Mountain, YN2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
**GOODLETT**, Daniel Edward — To wife of John Goodlett, AM3, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

**16 May**  
**RHOADS**, Kenneth Edward — To wife of Gordon Rhoads, SN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
**PIPPEN**, Cheryl Jean — To wife of Merrill Phippen, ET3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

**LYONS**, Gregory Earl — To wife of Norwood Lyons, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.  
**MCCRAE**, Etta Linnette — To wife of Billy McCrae, MM3, 6 pounds.

**17 May**  
**BEEAMAN**, Shelley Frances — To wife of Theodore Beeman, LTCOL, 9 pounds.  
**JEFFERSON**, Baby Boy — To wife of Robert Jefferson, ME3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

**MADDEN**, Baby Girl — To wife of Edwin Madden, LCDR, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
**UNDERWOOD**, Ronald Wayne — To wife of Calvin Underwood, SK3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

**JAMISON**, David Carl — To wife of Eugene Jamison, ETC, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.  
**SULLIVAN**, Baby Girl — To wife of Louis Sullivan, AN, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

**18 May**  
**AVERY**, James Lamar — To wife of James Avery, AN, 7 pounds 10 ounces.

**HOWARD**, Frederick Robert — To wife of Eugene Howard, AA, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**19 May**  
**GILLENWATER**, Baby Boy — To wife of Donald Gillenwater, AD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

**NISSEN**, Evangeline Ann — To wife of Arthur Nissen, SN, 2 pounds, 9 ounces.  
**20 May**  
**GOMEZ**, Mark Leonard — To wife of Mariano Gomez, PFC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

**ST. ROMAIN**, Baby Girl — To wife of Earl St. Romain, AMC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
**FRICK**, William G. — To wife of Roland Frick, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

**CLOSE**, Mary Catherine — To wife of Kenneth Close, HMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
**KING**, Janis Virginia — To wife of Thomas Jr. King, ET3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

**McLEMORE**, Richard Wallace — To wife of Glennon McLemore, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

## New Hours, New Books For Station Library

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Mechanics, Army-Navy Register, American Photography, Better Homes and Gardens, Science Illustrated, Field & Stream, Baseball, Life, and Time.

Some of the new books received are: **THE WASTREL**, by Frederic Wakeman, **GUMP'S TREASURE TRADE** by Carol Wilson, **POINT OF NO RETURN** by John P. Marquand, **PRIDE'S CASTLE** by Frank Yerby, **THE CASE OF THE CAUTIOUS COQUETTE** by Erle Stanley Gardner, **VACATION GUIDE** by Duncan Hines, **HALFWAY TO FREEDOM** by Bourke-White, **JOHNNY REVOLTA'S SHORT CUTS TO BETTER GOLF**, **DEATH BE NOT PROUD** by John Gunther, **THE GOD-SEEKER** by Sinclair Lewis, **FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS** by Wilbert M. Chapman, **BROKEN LANCE** by Frank Gruber, **THE HEAT OF THE DAY** by Elizabeth Bowen.

Patients, staff, dependents, civilian personnel—all are welcome to come in to the library and use the facilities.

"It was rather late when Jack brought me home last night," began the daughter apologetically. "I hope the noise of his car didn't disturb you."

"Not the noise," replied her mother. "It was the long silence afterwards."

Visitor: "Where are the monkeys?"  
Keeper: "They're in the back making love."

Visitor: "Would they come out for for some peanuts?"

Keeper: "Would you?"



Are you engaged in the great American pastime of "keeping up with the Joneses"? It's extremely costly, both in man-hours spent and in money wasted—and it's highly unproductive. Instead of wishing you had something someone else owns — or spending money you can't afford to possess — you'd be doing far better if you got started **today** on a regular savings plan here where you work. Sign up for automatic Payroll Savings! Start **now** adding dollars to your pay check each pay day! Then, ten years from now when those Savings Bonds you've been accumulating regularly reach maturity, you'll find yourself able to get most of the things you want for yourself and your family.

**PUT MORE OPPORTUNITY IN YOUR FUTURE! BUY SAVINGS BONDS!**

## Travelers' Aid Service Enlarged by USO Funds

Services to members of the armed forces, their families and friends stationed or traveling in the Bay Area will be expanded as a result of a United Service Organizations allocation to the Travelers' Aid Society of Alameda County.

Announcement of the USO allotment to supplement the Travelers' Aid Society budget was made today by Miss Martha Scarlett, executive secretary of the society, who pointed out the Bay Area contains one of the greatest concentrations of military installations in the United States. The USO program calls for services to veterans coming to and leaving military hospitals of the area, as well as to members of the armed forces.

Miss Scarlett stated Travelers' Aid Society and the USO established an excellent record for cooperative service during the war years. During this period more than forty million servicemen and their families received aid from both USO-TAS units and Travelers' Aid Societies.

The new grant will permit the society to again give adequate service at Oakland area terminals—the 16th Street depot and the Greyhound bus depot.



"Awright, where's the guy we picked up out of uniform in Reno?"



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Place  
2 Cent  
Stamp  
Here

From  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Oakland 14, California  
To

(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

MOVIES

Sunday, 29 May  
THE CROOKED WAY  
J. Payne — E. Drew  
High Diving Hare  
News

Monday, 30 May  
THE PERFECT MARRIAGE  
L. Young — D. Niven  
Radar Fishermen

Tuesday, 31 May  
SAND (Color)  
M. Stevens — C. Bray  
Charlie Barnett and Band

Wednesday, 1 June  
MAKE BELIEVE BALLROOM  
J. Courtland — V. Welles  
Nothing But Pleasure

Thursday, 2 June  
REIGN OF TERROR  
R. Cummings — A. Dahl  
Cold Romance

Friday, 3 June  
THE LADY GAMBLER  
B. Stanwyck — P. Foster  
Fine Feathered Friends  
News

Saturday, 4 June  
ESCAPE ME NEVER  
E. Flynn — I. Lupino

Pirates Split Pair of 12ND Contests;  
Victors Over EMS, Losers to Moffett

In two league games during the past week, Oak Knoll's Pirates won and lost, the win at the expense of EMS, Treasure Island, and the loss at the hands of the Moffet Field Skymasters. Christie was the victim of Moffet Field by the score of 9 to 2, and Newman hurled the winning effort over EMS by a 5-4 count.

The Pirates were victimized by the no-hit pitching of Stanss in the Moffett clash. Their two runs were accounted for in the sixth inning when Shroeder was hit by the pitcher, Gelien was safe on an error, and Howell walked to load the bases. Stevenson walked to force across one tally, and Lalla laid down a bunt to squeeze home Gelien.

The Skymasters garnered six tallies in the second on a pair of hits, two walks, and two miscues on the part of Knoll fielders. They added another on Christie's error, two hits and a base on balls, and made it nine in the fourth on another free pass, a pair of singles, and Lalla's bobble at short thrown in for good measure. From there on the Skymasters couldn't touch Christie, but the damage had already been done.

Line Score:

	R	H	E
Oak Knoll	0	0	0
Moffet Field	0	6	1

Batteries: Christie and Stevenson; Stanss and Carter.

The EMS nine jumped to a 3 to 0 lead in the top of the first without benefit of a hit, two walks, an error and a long fly accounting for the markers. However, in the Knollites' turn at the plate in the same inning, Christie walked, McComas dropped a single into center, and Lalla sent a sizzling shot down the first base line that was good for a home run, and the locals were back in the ball game. It was Lalla's fourth round-tripper of the campaign.

EMS regained the lead in the top of the fourth on a hit, a stolen base, and another single. Not to be denied, the Pirates came back for two runs in their half of the frame. Johnson fanned to start the inning, but Walt Gelien drove the ball deep into the grass in left center field for a home run, and the game was again all tied up. Stevenson then walked, stole second, and scored the winning run on an error. The victory was Chief Newman's second over the T.I. squad this season.

Line Score:

	R	H	E
EMS, T.I.	3	0	0
Oak Knoll	3	0	2

Batteries: Leaden and Davis; Newman and Stevenson.

Welcome and Farewell

Five persons reported aboard and five departed during the past week. Reporting for duty here were two corpsmen from USNH Mare Island, Vallejo, California. They were J. D. Morehouse, HMC, and L. C. Royal, HM1. ENS Nora G. Brydon, NC, reported for 14 days annual training duty, LT Anita E. Burr (NC), reported in from USNH Alea Heights, T.H., and LT Michael Kozik, MC, reported for duty from NAAS Whiling Field, Milton, Florida.

Departing to other duty stations last week, C. A. Graham, HM3, went to the Navy Medical Research Unit No. 1, located at the U. of California, W. D. Slack, HM3, to the Naval Dental School at Bethesda, Maryland, and CAPT John H. Ward, Jr., MC, to USNH Long Beach, California. Two nurses, ENS Mervyn E. Ege, and ENS Doris L. Burse were discharged to civilian life.

Chuckles

ODE TO KNEES  
Knees to the right of us  
Knees to the left of us,  
Knees crossed in front of us,  
How they display 'em.

On they go trippingly,  
Daintily, skippingly,  
Winds biting nippingly  
Fail to dismay 'em.

Round knees and flatter ones,  
Thin knees and fatter ones,  
Mostly the latter ones—  
Everywhere listed;

Straight and contorted ones  
Queerly distorted ones,  
Mates and ill-sorted ones  
Comically twisted.

Bare knees and boney ones,  
Real knees and phoney ones,  
Silk covered toney ones,  
Plump and beguiling,

Pale knees and painted ones,  
Nice knees and tainted ones,  
Queerly unacquainted ones,  
Onward go filing.

Gay knees and sad ones,  
Good knees and bad ones,  
Warm, woolen-clad ones,  
Taunting the breezes;

Straight knees and bandy ones,  
Bum knees and dandy ones  
Awkward and handy ones,  
On go the kneezes.

Knees to the right of us,  
Knees to the left of us,  
Knees crossed in front of us,  
Often we've seed 'em;

Knees ever passing by,  
Styles mounting to the sky,  
Seem to exemplify  
Woman's New Freedom.

All-Professional Stage  
Show on Memorial Day



TOMMY DOWD

Tommy Dowd "... Who should have been a magician," will star in an all professional stage show to be presented in Ships Service Auditorium on Memorial Day. All acts in the show will be put on by seasoned entertainers, some of whom have visited the hospital previously.

Dowd is coming here direct from Las Vegas, Nevada, where he has just completed an engagement. He has played all over the country, and is a great favorite wherever he plays. On the same bill will be Pat Patterson and his clown puppet "Pirro." Pat and his protege have been at Oak Knoll before, and has provoked many a laugh from Knoll audiences with the antics of Pirro. Rick and Kay, a comedy dance team, the juggling antics of Valentine, and songs by Betty Lou Carlson will also be presented on the same program. Music for the "Super" stage show will be provided by Jimmy Blum and his 12-piece orchestra.

There will be no movie on Memorial Day, and the stage production will begin at 1830.

A girl standing on a street corner and wearing a low V neck sweater, was approached by a wolf.

He asked, "Does the V stand for Victory?"

She replied, "No, that's for virtue, but it's an old sweater."

Mother: "Daughter, what is that you are reading?"

Daughter: "A copy of Police Gazette, why?"

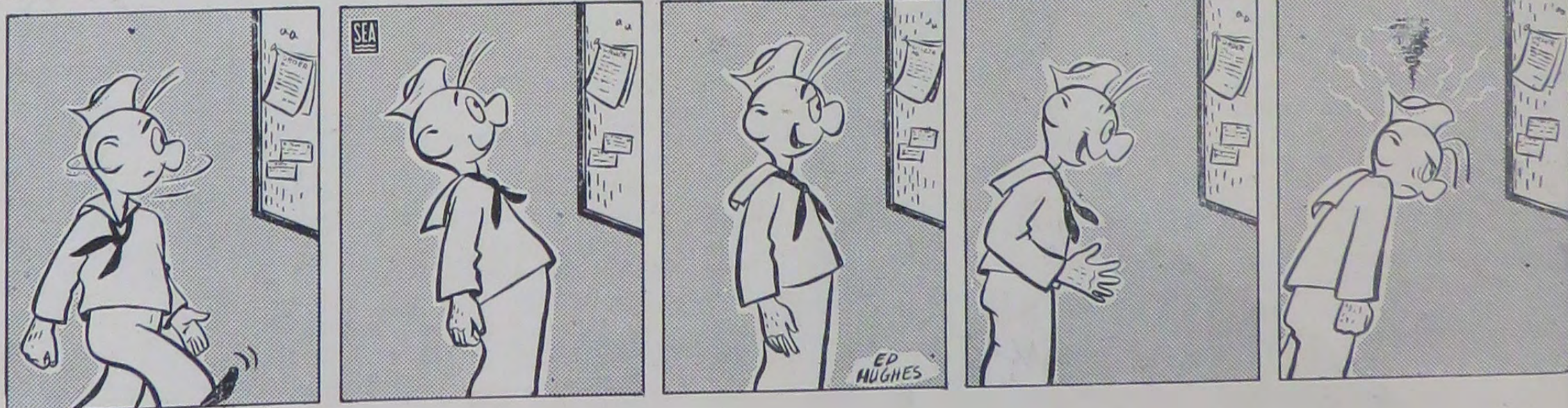
Mother: "OH! That's all right dear, I thought you had gotten hold of a copy of the 'Oak Leaf'."

A stethoscope is a spyglass for looking into people's chests with your ears.

STALEMATE

By Milton Kar, AG2

Watch List







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Saturday, 4 June, 1949

## 32 Employees, Modern Machines Supply Clean Linens For Wards and Quarters



Bernie Agnew and Lucious Moore are the two busy men taking clothes from the automatic washer, while John H. Miller, head laundryman, raises the machine to unloading position. In the foreground, unloading the extractors, are Charlie Walker and Booker Chapman.



Henrietta Swenson and Bernadette Malerick work at the "shake table" where small flat pieces are folded. In the background, feeding the mangle, are Virginia Camera and Bessie Palmer.

The truth of the old saying "It will all come out in the wash" is demonstrated at the Oak Knoll laundry where an average of 13,500 sheets and more than 60,000 other articles pass through the laundry each week.

Thirty-two employees run the machines that keep the hospital's "clothes" clean, take care of mending, sorting, and other details necessary in the running of a shipshape laundry.

Equipment includes six giant washing machines with a total capacity of approximately 1,700 pounds, six extractors that "wring" the clothes, five tumblers of various sizes to toss and turn the clothes dry, and four giant mangles to finish the flatwork. Two washers—the latest in automatic machines—take their orders indirectly from the head laundryman and directly from a perforated strip that operates much as a player piano record does. On that strip is the formula for the tubful at hand. It regulates the amount of steam, air, bluing, bleach, or soap wanted, and then by blowing a whistle, tells the laundryman when the job is finished.

White linens all receive the same treatment. To make sure that everything will come out in the wash, a sheet, for example, is put through a rigorous course of treatment. It gets a three-minute "cold flush" followed by a 10-minute suds bath at 140 degrees. Then comes a three-minute "hot flush" followed by a 160-degree hot sudsing with bleach added. The latter process goes on for 10 minutes. Then rinsing begins, three hot, three split (hot and cold), and two cold, with bluing added to the last one. Then comes 20

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## Air Force Asks For 100 Medical Officers

(SEA)—One hundred Navy Medical officers are to be ordered for temporary assignment with the newly created Air Force Medical department along with a similar number of doctors from the Army.

For temporary transfers of Army and Navy doctors is intended to help meet a shortage of medical personnel in the Air Force. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson authorized the transfers as part of a unifying move in administration and operation of armed forces medical services.

### Doctors to Volunteer

Assignment of the 100 Navy medical officers will be on a voluntary basis with requests for the temporary assignments due 15 June at BuPers. Navy doctors will not be commissioned in the Air Force, but will serve as naval medical officers.

Present plans call for four weeks of instruction at Randolph Field, Tex., in techniques of aviation examinations for doctors not already qualified as flight surgeons or aviation medical examiners. After the instruction period, officers will be ordered to Air Force facilities within continental U. S. for duty.

Officers desiring the duty, which will be for a maximum of two years, may request overseas assignments. They also must be available for the transfer by 31 July, according to Alnav 57 (NDB, 15 May 1949).

## Port Watch To Picnic At Redwood Sunday

Redwood canyon will be the scene Sunday of the first staff enlisted picnic of the season. The picnic, for the port watch primarily, will last through the afternoon and evening, concluding with a steak fry Sunday night.

There will be plenty of refreshments for the entire day, and a number of games and contests have been dreamed up for the occasion. Busses for those who have no other transportation will leave from the front of Ship's Service at 1200 and 1330.

### 12ND Band Returns

Once again on 8 June, the Welfare and Recreation Department will present the 12ND band, under the direction of Chief Musician Birdsong.

The program, starting at 1900, will consist of varied selections, military music, marches, and popular selections.

## Carnival In Alameda Climaxes '49 Drive For Navy Relief

Tonight (Saturday) is the BIG NIGHT at Naval Air Station, Alameda. It is the night when some lucky person is going to become the owner of a yellow 1949 Buick convertible. It's the night when at least a hundred others will win other valuable prizes totaling more than \$10,000 in value.

And it's the night when Bay Area Navy personnel and their friends will turn out for the carnival, thereby supporting the East San Francisco Bay Auxiliary Navy Relief's annual call for funds. All hands at this station, Navy and civilian, are invited to attend.

More than 1100 chances on the prizes have been sold at this station, and although it is not necessary to be present at the drawing in order to win a prize a large Oak Knoll crowd is expected.

Two of the many carnival booths are being run by hospital personnel. Mrs. Harold Hirshland and a group of officers and their wives are running a lucky wheel, where the best guessers carry away stuffed toys as prizes. L. P. Newman, HMC, and his committee of enlisted men and their wives are operating a nickel pitch game.

Carnival gates opened at 1300 Thursday; Friday hours were 1630 to 2300; Saturday—1300 through 2300.

## Captain Cook Attends Public Health Meeting

Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, returned to his desk yesterday after attending a three-day meeting of the Western Branch of the American Public Health Association, of which he is a member. At the meeting, held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, he represented Admiral Swanson, Surgeon General of the Navy.

During Captain Cook's absence, Captain R. M. Gillett has acted as Medical Officer in Command.

## Miss Helfrich Reports For Duty With A.R.C.

A new addition to the Red Cross staff this week is Miss Loretta M. Helfrich, medical social worker.

Miss Helfrich received her master's degree in social work at Boston College in 1947, was employed by the Red Cross immediately after she completed her training, and until recently was on duty at McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena. Her home is in nearby Menlo Park.



# The Oak Leaf

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## More About Laundry

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minutes of extraction, which removes 50 per cent of the moisture, and tumbling, the length determined by the way the pieces are to be finished. Articles not requiring ironing are tumbled completely dry, then folded and stacked ready to be returned to the wards. Sheets and other flatwork are spread on tables to be fed into the mangle and folded.

The process complete, finished articles are taken to the linen room where they are later picked up by staff corpsmen and distributed by truck to surgery or central supply for autoclaving, to the wards, and the quarters.

For some pieces of linen, the road back is not so direct. Worn sheets and torn pajamas are detoured to the sewing room, where three seamstresses are on the job, mending or surveying to the ragbag all articles that are beyond repair.



Veteran laundry workers are Ladine Burton, foreground, and Lillie Seaver, caught by the photographer as they fold linens coming from the mangle. Both joined the staff in 1942 soon after the hospital's first washing was done.

At right, R. J. Hamilton, HN, and D. W. Smith, HA, load the truck with fresh linen for the wards.



## Red Cross Ramblings

**Savant and Seminar:** A little know-how on some strategic plays in chess was imparted uniquely on Ward 41A last week by Floyd Clark, president of the Oakland Chess and Checkers Club. The bed of Oscar I. Lelevier, AM3, was pushed up alongside that of Robert Axton, veteran while Duane David, SA wheelchaired in and James Worthington, EMFA, maneuvered over from 41B. An oversized chess board was hung on the crossbars of traction pulleys of Joe L. Robinson, veteran, and by means of "pin-up chess men," a fine demonstration was clearly visible to all of the interested students. Mr. Clark plans to visit the compound frequently to give advice and instruction wherever needed.

**Green Thumb Department:** Three new members have been added to the Ward Flower Grower's—those patients who are doing so much to help beautify their ward areas. They are veterans Aaron Pfost and Archie Hunt of Ward 41A and Jasper Ferrera, BTC, Ward 44A. Pfost and Hunt have been specializing recently on dahlias and grape hyacinths along the board walk between Wards 41A and B while Ferrera, although still a bed patient, is helping to work out a "master plan" for Ward 44A.

**Dauntless Daubers:** Maybe it's the nice weather but recently patient-artists have been popping out like freckles all over the base. The Red Cross is amazed at the amount of real talent which is being displayed by men who have "never tried any of this stuff before." Anyway, these amateur artists are having a lot of fun discovering that there is nothing mysterious or "hifalutin'" about drawing or painting and all you have to do is give it a try!

Mrs. Ann Rear, Red Cross volunteer from Berkeley Chapter, has been coming out every Thursday afternoon and giving art instruction in pencil sketching, water colors, oils, and charcoal. Any patient who is interested in having materials and art instruction, contact your Red Cross recreation worker.

Why is a rabbit's nose always shiny?

Because his powder puff is on the other end.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School ..... 1000

Nursery ..... 1100

Church Service ..... 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-two births were recorded in the Out Patient department during the week of May 22-29. They were:

22 May

JENNINGS, Lamont Carlton—To wife of Robert Jennings, AB1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

SEXTON, Nancy Lee—To wife of Buford Sexton, YNC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

McNEIL, Jacklyn—To wife of Jack McNeil, ADC, 7 pounds, 8½ ounces.

TENCZAR, Kathleen Ann—To wife of Theodore Tenczar, ENS, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

FARR, Beth Ellen—To wife of Gordon Farr, ADC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

23 May

WELCH, Marilyn Jean—To wife of John Welch, YNJ, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

DALEY, Baby Girl—To wife of Raymond Daley, AOM3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

HAYNES, Sandra Lynne—To wife of Norman Haynes, AO2, 5 pounds, 8½ ounces.

MIDKIFF, Karen—To wife of William Midkiff, PIC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

HUFF, Anita Maureen—To wife of John Huff, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

24 May

McCORMICK, Leonard Ray—To wife of Leonard McCormick, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

SHORT, Vicki Lynn—To wife of Vann Short, LTJG, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

GETCHELL, Baby Boy—To wife of Leslie E. Getchell, GM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

24 May

SILVEY, Baby Girl—To wife of Albert Silvey, AN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

VALLERY, Annette—To wife of Elger Vallery, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

25 May

QUINN, Baby Girl—To wife of Joseph Quinn, ET2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

PONZURIC, Loretta Anne—To wife of John Ponzuric, LTJG, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

RUSMISEL, Candace Kathleen—To wife of Guy Rusmiser, YN2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

TEMPLETON, David Alan—To wife of Jack Templeton, CSC, 7 pounds, 4½ ounces.

PENNEY, David Alan—To wife of George Penney, CPL, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

26 May

MEADOR, James Timothy Johann—To wife of George Meador, CMDR, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

GRIFFIN, Robert Gerald—To wife of Gerald D. Griffin, SA, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

LUECKING, Robert Bruce—To wife of William Luecking, LT, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

HALL, Baby Boy—To wife of Dwight Hall, SA, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

VAUGHN, Timothy Dallas—To wife of Charles Vaughn, ETC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

26 May

WALTERS, Emma Lou—To wife of Eric Walters, FN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

27 May

GREEN, Artelia—To wife of William Green, SD3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

HENDRICKSON, Vincent—To wife of Edward Hendrickson, T/SGT, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

PARK, Lesla Jean—To wife of Jack Park, ENS, 7 pounds.

28 May

ALLEMAN, Annette Marcella—To wife of Kenneth Alleman, SC3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

BROOKS, Virginia Merrill—To wife of Daniel Brooks, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

FITZPATRICK, Janis Lee—To wife of Patrick Fitzpatrick, AD1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

## CEA Officers Meet With New Governors

Charles Dejournette, president of the CEA, recently announced the names of members of the organization's board of governors, elected by various departments.

They are Dave Beaver and Donald Eschen, Transportation; George P. Garner, Jack Wells, Fire Department; Jessie Castro, Post Office; Alice Dibble and Rosie Harris, OPD wards; Robert Hastings, Finance; Gregory Jankowiak, Garden Crew; Raymond C. Frizzell and Leona F. Maxey, Commissary; Bernadette Malerich, Laundry; Charles D. Peralta, Carpenter Shop; Beatrice Storey, Nurses Quarters.

These representatives, with Mr. Dejournette, James A. Turner, vice-president; T. R. Newsom, executive secretary; Muriel Seward, acting secretary; and Charles H. Foreman, treasurer; will be responsible for civilian activities at the hospital during the coming year.

At their first meeting Thursday they discussed plans for a picnic, details of which will be announced in the near future.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Often we waste our time on those things which are not vital. Dr. Cameron of Boston University used to tell this story concerning this point. "One day I was walking up Mt. Vernon Street in Boston. It was a bright Sunday morning. An old church was silhouetted against the clear blue sky and a patch of the Charles River shimmered in the sunlight. When I came to Louisburg Square, an artist was painting that street scene. Sunday morning is a good time to paint that spot because the streets are clear of automobiles. There was one old battered car there, however, probably owned by a student. When I came up to the artist, I noticed an omission in the painting. I asked the artist 'Why have you left out the automobile?' He replied, 'In that remark you have stumbled onto a great secret not only in art but in life itself. You have to learn to leave out non-essentials, especially things which make life ugly. You have to learn the art of elimination.'"

We all have to learn this art if we are going to get the most out of life. We have to learn to discard the non-essentials of life and cling to that which is good, true and beautiful.

Many of us have been forced to eliminate, but we have not learned the art—we have eliminated the fundamentals to make room for the fun. God is a most fundamental necessity of human life. Without Him we cannot be our best selves. God knew how much men needed to know Him and that is why He sent His Son to dwell among us that we might see in one like unto ourselves the attributes of power and love manifested in Him. The Babe in the manger grew up to be like unto God Himself, because God thought it fundamental that we should see the inestimable good that can come from a life that puts God first in all things.

—CHAPLAIN R. F. McCOMAS





I just walked by CSR, and look what happened.

## Welcome and Farewell

Reporting aboard during the past week for temporary duty was LT Sarah J. Livingston, NC, from the Stockton Annex, Stockton, California. Other nurses reporting to Oak Knoll were LT Dorothy F. Greenberger, NC, from the USS Consolation (AH-15), and LTJG Elizabeth Clark, NC, from USNH Long Beach, California. Also reporting was D. L. Whilman, DA, from US-ATC, San Diego, California.

Departing for other duty stations was R. E. McGinnis, HMC, to US-ATC, Portsmouth, Virginia, for 16 weeks course of instruction. R. W. Davis, HA, and D. J. Goddard, HA, went to USNH, Philadelphia, for course of instruction in neuropsychiatry. H. L. Raihl, HM3, was transferred to San Diego for a course of instruction in motion picture projection.

## Fourteen New Civilians Added To Knoll Staff

The civilian staff was increased by the addition of 14 new employees during the past month.

They are Marion F. Rinehart, Mary J. Snelling, Ann E. Bunnell, Mollie M. Burns, Jettie M. Woodson, Joan R. Smejkal, Herman Grimes, Taft Armstrong, Herbert L. Richardson,

## New Alameda EM Club Is One Of Navy's Best

Nearby Alameda Naval Air Station boasts the Navy's largest club for enlisted men. Housed in a former gymnasium, the club has a long refreshment bar at one end, and a raised stage at the other. Tables are grouped around the stage, leaving a sizeable dance floor in the center.

The club is open every night for service personnel, with Tuesday and Thursday night set aside for parties and private gatherings. All profits from sale of refreshments are turned back into the club for use in expansion.

Plans for future improvement call for erection of a stag bar on a balcony and redecoration of a second balcony to accommodate another hundred persons. Also planned is the installation of linoleum tile over all but the dancing area.

## Oakland Aquators Will Present Swim Show Here

The Oakland Aquators, an organization to promote water safety, will put on a show in the recently opened station swimming pool on Sunday, 5 June, at 1400.

The swimming showmen will present a program consisting of various swimming and diving exhibitions, with a little comedy thrown in to liven up the affair, and they also are capable of presenting very likeable water ballet routines.

The swimming pool is now open to all hands. Patients must have a chit signed by their ward medical officers before they may use pool facilities. Pool hours are from 0900 to 1830 on weekdays and Sundays, and from 1300 to 1830 on Saturday.

### IN THE BRINE—KNEE DEEP

Tulsa, Okla. (SEA)—A would-be burglar not only found himself in a pickle, but in a whole tubfull of them. While he was moseying around a market, he stepped on a weak spot in the floor which gave way and dropped him into a 60-gallon pickle barrel.

Frank M. Mullins, Robert T. Russell, Earl O. Lindsay, Burton Goodspeed, William D. Elwood.

## Marriage--Navy Style

Many "salts" have requested that the all-important ceremony should read like this:

"Wilt thou, Jack; take this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together insofar as the Bureau of Naval Personnel will allow? Wilt thou love her, comfort, honor, and keep her, take her to the movies, and come home promptly on all 48's?"

"Aye, Aye."

"Wilt thou, Jane take this sailor as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind liberty hours, ship schedules, watches, sudden orders, uncertain mail connections, and all other problems of Navy life? Wilt thou serve him, love, honor, and wait for him, learn to wash, fold and press his uniforms, and keep the smoking lamp lit for him at home?"

"I will."

"I, Jack, take thee, Jane, as my wedded wife from 1700 until 0730, as far as permitted by my commanding officer, liberty hours subject to orders of the officer of the day, changing residence whenever the ship moves, to have and to hold as long as my allotment comes through regularly, and thereto I give my troth."

"Then let no man put asunder what God and the Bureau of Naval Personnel have brought together, by virtue of the authority vested in Navy Regs, subject to regulations of BuPers Manual, and the latest BuPers bulletins concerning matrimony. You are now man and wife—by direction of the Commanding Officer."

## Who's Who On The Compound



The smiling face accompanying this article belongs to LTJG Chester L. Klein, MCR, USNR, an intern here at the hospital. Currently Dr. Klein is assigned to the Pathology department.

Born in Moulmein, Burma, Dr. Klein lived in the Asiatic country for most of his 26 years. His father was a missionary there, but during the past war served in the British Army as a Captain, and was killed in the service of that country.

Dr. Klein came to the United States to further his schooling. He attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for pre-med, and received his degree at the University of Kansas. He came to Oak Knoll from there on 1 July 1948.

Married and the father of one daughter (born at Oak Knoll just a short four months ago) Dr. Klein resides at the Naval Housing project at 880 Elmhurst Ave.



Another member of the hard working night crew is Kenneth E. Harp- ham, HN, who puts in his time on the OOD's desk from 2130 to 0700 each and every night.

Born in Juanita, Nebraska, Harp- ham journeyed to Hastings, Nebraska, to put his John Henry on the dotted line on 18 October 1947. A bonafide member of Uncle Sam's Navy, he then attended Boot Camp in San Diego, and in the same place they taught him how to be a corpsman.

After Hospital Corps indoctrination, he was sent to Oak Knoll on 10 April 1948, and since arriving here he has spent considerable time in the Administration Building, working in the receiving room and OOD's desk.

Tennis, baseball and basketball rate high on the young corpsman's list of "favorite things to do when you don't have to work."

Working all night and pitching for the softball team twice a week is enough to keep any man busy. And it is keeping L.P. Newman, HMC, pretty busy these days. Newman has been about the only consistent pitcher on the Knollites' staff of hurlers during the first round of the softball season.

Then at 2130 he goes to work as night Chief Master At Arms and takes the next day for a little shut-eye. Newman had been working in the laboratory prior to assuming the duties as NCMAA. Born in Little Falls, Minnesota, he entered the Service in San Francisco on 23 November 1940. Of all his duty, he liked Wellington, New Zealand the best. He was married in New Zealand, and he and his wife, Mavis, have one son, John, age three.

Besides softball, the Chief likes bowling, swimming, and fishing (who doesn't) for recreational activities.



With the trend in introducing civilians turning to those who have an ever-growing crop of whiskers, we this week turn to George W. Coch- rane, who sports his share of the facial decoration.

Cochrane is one of the variety known as "travelin' man," having been in every state in the union, and has worked at everything from a cook in a cow camp to foreman in a Quartz mine. He has been employed at Oak Knoll since 1945 when he came here from Hunters' Point. He is now working as a helper on a General Utility truck.

He is married and the father of four children, Joe, 11; Pattie, 13; Vic, 21; and Dorothy 26. He and his wife Ethel reside at 4116 Highland Boulevard, Hayward.

For spending spare time, Cochrane prefers fishing, bowling and good old prospecting.





# MOVIES

**SUNDAY, 5 JUNE**  
AFRICA SCREAMS with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello (Comedy)—Abbott and Costello, working in a New York department store, learn of a certain map shown where a diamond cache is held by a wild jungle tribe. Hillary Brooke, a beautiful woman who is the brains behind the ring of crooks, talks the pair into going to Africa with her, and that's where the fun starts. Max and Buddy Baer have small parts as gangsters, and Clyde Beatty and Frank Buck also appear. 79 mins.

**MONDAY, 6 JUNE**  
**FADIES MAN**—with Eddie Bracken (Comedy)—This is a replay on which no information is available at this time. 91 min.

## JOHNSON OUT

**TUESDAY, 7 JUNE**  
THE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE FROM  
BASHFUL BEND in color with Ben  
Grable and Cesar Romero (Period Comedy)  
—The period is 1885, and Miss Grable  
a trigger-tempered young woman, best sh  
in the frontier community, who accidental  
shoots the local judge in a painful ar  
which leads to other complications. S  
escapes by fleeing, with Miss San Juan  
Snake City, where they are hailed as  
expected school mistress and her Indi  
Maid. Here more complications accumula  
especially with the local bad man and  
undisciplined sons. It's strictly for lau  
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## Marines And Navy To Get Occupation Medals

By Ships' Editorial Association

The medal is for personnel attached to and serving with organizations of the U. S. naval service occupying enemy territories during World War II. Distribution of the medal to naval personnel is expected to commence about 1 July or shortly thereafter. Detailed plans for Navy distribution will be announced later.

To be eligible for the medal, Marine Corps personnel must have had occupation duty in organizations on and after 8 May 1945 for the European-African-Middle Eastern Area. Occupation duty is credited to organizations in the Asiatic-Pacific area for duty performed on and after 2 Sept. 1945.

Appropriate clasps marked "Europe" and "Asia" have been authorized for the medal's ribbon to denote service in each area, respectively.

Active marine personnel who are eligible will receive the medals from the various Marine Corps activities. All Marine Corps posts, stations, recruiting divisions, Reserve districts and Reserve activities will issue medals and clasps to Marine Corps veterans and Reserve personnel. The Commandant of the Marine Corps will make posthumous awards.

Sailor: "Is that ice cream pure?"  
Waitress: "As pure as the girl of  
your dreams."

Sailor: "I'll take a ham sandwich."

Wave: "Do you always look under your bed before you say your prayers?"

'nother Wave: "No, kid, I always say my prayers first."

Doctor, (humorist): "Good moaning patients, Good moaning!"

Wife: "I'm always having trouble with either my husband or the furnace."

Visitor: "How's that?"

Wife: "Whenever I watch one the other goes out."

Bathing Beauty: "It must have taken a lot of nerve to rescue me the way you did."

Lifeguard: "It sure did! I had to drown three other guys who were ahead of me."

Here are the standings in the inter-station softball league as of 3 June 1949:

Port Watch	3	1	.750
Staff Officers	3	1	.750
Administration	3	1	.750
Dental	3	2	.600
Laboratory	2	2	.500
P & A	2	3	.400
Civil Service	1	3	.250
Starboard Watch	0	4	.000

**Line Score:**

								R	H	E
Alameda .....	2	1	4	2	4	0	0	13	14	1
Oak Knoll.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Batteries: DeLand and Dillon; New- man, Christie, and Stevenson.										

N.A.S. Oakland came to life in the second inning with four runs skipping across the plate. Ward walked. Catching was on via an error. Wickert singled and Ward came home. McLean walked to fill the sacks, and Price walloped a base-clearing double. Newman then shut the door on the scoring for that inning. But the top of the third yielded what proved to be the winning run when Ward walked, stole second, and scored on a single by Catching, who by the way, is the Airdales' leading sticker with a .412 mark.

Oak Knoll tallied a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth, but N.A.S. had already scored three more in their turn. Both teams stayed away from home plate in the fifth, but Oak Knoll tallied twice more in the sixth on three hits by McComas and Lazo. Gelien's triple brought them in to conclude the day's scoring.

**Line Score:**

								R H E
N.A.S. Oakland	0	4	1	3	0	0	0	8 4 0
Oak Knoll.....	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4 7 2

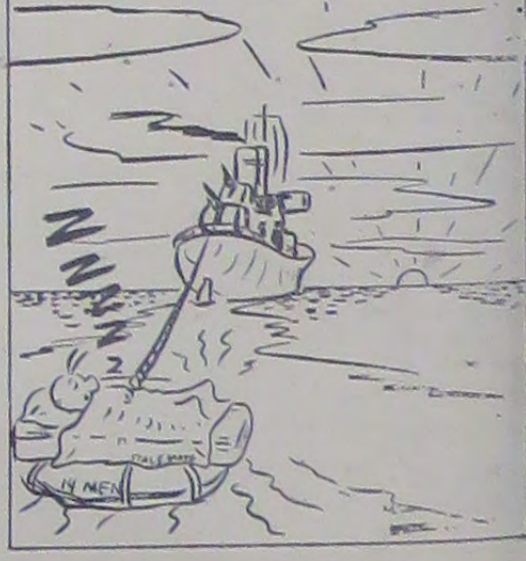
## STALEMATE



## Sad Sock



By Ed Hughes, LI3







# THE OAK LEAF



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 11 June, 1949

## Oak Knoll Circus Wins Carnival Prize



Winner of first prize for the best decorated booth at the Navy Relief Carnival at Alameda last week was this one sponsored by Oak Knoll Officers and their wives. Inspiration for the circus theme was LT H. C. Barton's, while Lenore "Rusty" Andrews sketched the designs and helped with construction plans.

Operating it at the time the picture was snapped by the Oak Leaf photographer, were CDR C. R. Carr, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. R. M. Gillett, Bob Gillett, and Otto Wickstrom.

Total intake from this booth was well over \$500, and the enlisted staff nickel pitch booth took in a total of \$259.

Although Oak Knoll's Navy Relief ticket sale netted \$1176, only one prize came back to the station—a deluxe fishing outfit won by LTJG Carl A. Broadus, Jr.

## Pay Bill Revision Now In Congress Will Give Recruits A Boost In Pay

Washington (AFPS)—The Armed Services pay bill, recently sent back to committee by the House, has been revived with several revisions, including a proposed pay hike for Recruits.

Under the earlier bill, Recruits would have been left at the present \$75 a month salary but the revised measure may provide for a five dollar a month increase. While the bill is now being considered by Congress, it is still subject to change.

In a message to all members of the Armed Forces, Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson said "the National Military Establishment has full faith in the merits of the pay reforms as recommended in the Hook Report and approved by the President and will continue its efforts to seek favorable action by Congress based upon the logic of our position."

The lower enlisted grades would benefit mostly under the revised measure. The original bill increased their pay from three to 30 per cent, or from \$80 to \$82.50, in the case of a seaman apprentice. The current proposal boosts the figure to \$85.

Another important point in the revised bill would continue the wartime allowances for enlisted men's dependents for the duration of the current enlistments.

## Oak Knoll Corpsmen Make Debut For MGM

Oak Knolls' "Brawny Nursemaids," spotted on the front page of the Call-Bulletin last Saturday by Hollywood talent scouts, this week made their movie debut when MGM studios sent out a newsreel man to photograph them in action in the OPD nursery.

The processes of feeding, bathing, and burping the babies will be featured in the four-minute movie that was made here Tuesday. Scenes showing a mother leaving the hospital with her newborn baby, a view in the formula room, and other everyday occurrences in the nursery will also be part of the sequence, whose release is now eagerly awaited by the actors and parents of the young members of the supporting cast.

## "Old Glory" Will Celebrate Another Birthday June 14

By Ships' Editorial Association

Flag Day, although not a legal holiday, will be observed generally throughout the U. S. on 14 June. The annual date of patriotic observance was designated in 1895 as an occasion to celebrate the anniversaries of the adoption of the American flag 14 June 1777.

During American history there have been many forerunners to the flag as we view it today, but standardization of the "Stars and Stripes" began 14 June 1777 when the Continental Congress passed a resolution "That the flag of the 13 United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars (in a circle), white in a blue field, representing a new constellation (of states arising in the west)."

The flag continued in that design for several years, but with the admission of Vermont (1791) and Kentucky (1792) a Congressional act signed by President Washington specified "That from and after May 1, 1795, the flag of the United States be 15 stripes, alternate red and white; and that the union be 15 stars, white in a blue field." The 1795 flag had the stars arranged in three rows of five each instead of the circle.

The intention, apparently, had been to add a new star and stripe for each state to be admitted to the Union. However, with the continued entry of more states, Congress realized further modification was necessary. Therefore, in 1818 a new law was passed providing "That from and after the fourth of July next, the flag of the United States be 13 horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, that the union have 20 stars, white in a blue field. That on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth of July next succeeding such admission."

The present flag has remained unchanged in 37 years, its field of 48 stars having been completed in 1912 with the admission of New Mexico (6 January) and Arizona (14 February).

As to the future, if the desires of the peoples of Hawaii and Alaska are fulfilled, a further revision of stars will become necessary.

## New Disbursing Officer



Michael B. Kozik, LTJG, SC.

This week saw a new addition to the Oak Knoll Staff as LTJG Michael B. Kozik, SC, USN, took over his duties as Disbursing Officer, relieving LT B.D. Rosser.

A native of New York Mills, New York, Mr. Kozik entered the service on 16 February 1931 in Utica, New York. He has since served aboard a variety of ships and shore stations including the USS Dobbin, the VP-11, VP-23, VP-1, USS President Adams, N.A.S. Barbers Point, N.S.C. Oakland, N.A.S. Koneohe, and N.T.S. Newport, Rhode Island, where he received his first training. At the conclusion of the war he was aboard the USS President Adams, making several runs from east and west coast ports.

The new Disbursing Officer wears the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Area, China Service Medal, and China Occupation Medal.

After working hours Mr. Kozik likes to engage in craft work, being equally interested in leather, and wood. His proficiency at his favorite sport, golf, is attested to by the fact that he won the first flight golfing championship while attached to N.A.S., Whiting Field, Milton, Florida. Mr. Kozik is married and the father of two girls, Linda, age 7, and Shirley, age 9. The family resides at 9887 Koford Road, Oakland.

## Increase in Females

Washington (AFPS)—Don't worry, men. There's plenty to go around.

The chances of the U.S. male getting a wife have increased in recent years according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In 1940 there were 100.7 men to every 100 women. In 1948 the odds had changed to favor the men 99.1 to 110.



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## OPERATION HIGHWAYS

A small crowd of curiosity seekers came from parked cars lined up on each side of the highway. Each one of these wide-eyed spectators had passed through the same experience—curiosity first, and after that—nausea.

What had they seen? Just off the road about twenty or more feet rest the remains of an automobile wrapped around a tree in a grotesque horseshoe shape. Two dozen or so paces beyond the tree, lying in a mass of broken glass and small parts, was a tarpaulin, originally white, but now reddened and covering a still form. Projecting from one corner of the cloth was a hand of obviously youthful origin. The tarpaulin traced the contours of a body from the hips to the head, but where the remaining part should have been there was only the flat ground surface. Still further from the wreck, but yet among rubble was a white hat spotted with oil.

Yes, this SAILOR knew the road well. He had traveled it many times on liberties. He knew every curve and hill. But his front tire didn't know. Ironically, too, was a sign a few hundred yards back reading "Sharp Curve Ahead."

Many articles and editorials have been written on this subject and for good reason. You can't get away from the facts; facts that tell you that there were more fatalities due to careless driving and similar mishaps than there were casualties in World War I and II for the same period. These are not fanciful figures, they are facts—and facts don't lie!!!!

A walk through the wards of Oak Knoll can verify the extent of injuries due to accidents along the highway. Passing through the "forty" wards, one can see scores of patients in casts and fracture beds. They are unable to boast the ownership of a Purple Heart; all they can boast is that they are alive after the accident they had experienced. The plastic wards reveal a number of men having their bodies rebuilt after the shearing effects of twisted steel and broken glass. In fact, everywhere on the compound are men who have been admitted to the hospital due to automobile accidents.

Any corpsman in the Receiving Room, in Surgery or in Transportation will also verify the number and seriousness of these accidents.

This incident has been witnessed a growing number of times these past few months—too many times, in fact. We all know that signs are to be read and obeyed, but not to be ignored. How many times have you caustically grinned to yourself as you speeded by those boring and needless warnings?

## Divine Services

Protestant:  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—1000

Sunday School—1100

Nursery—1100

Church Service—1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thurs-

day)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630

Saturday Mass—1200

Novena every Wednesday at 1900

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Outing Time:** A group of ambulatory patients emerged like gnomes from the Red Cross Dark Room and took a camera field trip to Golden Gate Park and Fleishhacker Zoo last week. According to all reports the day was perfect in all respects, starting with the weather which had such unusual visibility that one should see clear to the Farallone Islands.

Berkeley Red Cross Chapter Motor Corps and Canteen provided transportation and a delicious picnic lunch for the hungry bunch who worked up their appetites taking pictures of everything in sight. Gray Lady Mrs. Margaret Tharratt, a photographic expert in her own right, accompanied the group and added her own shutter clicks to the rest.

High spot of the day came at the zoo where an outdoor circus of trained seals went through their routine of tricks in a small pool where the patient photographers could easily get good action shots. More tours are planned by the Camera Group and more than half the fun comes in developing and enlarging their own pictures in the Dark Room, Building 102.

**More Wallets:** Speaking, last week, of a competition on one of the wards, some serious consideration for unusual items in patients' billfolds has come to light on Ward 55. The night recreation corps Gray Ladies had a difficult time with the wealth of evidence submitted by patients to bolster their claims.

**F. L. Williams, BMC,** produced a real, honest-to-goodness \$2.50 gold-piece approximately the size of a dime. It's the prettiest I'll thing you ever saw and everyone wished they had a sockfull!

**R. L. Metcalf,** veteran, cherishes a lock of pretty brown hair in his billfold. He stoutly maintains that this lock of hair is 107 years old and belonged to his grandmother. (A real heirloom!) Anyway, we'll have to admit that they really grew hair in them there days!

Up to sixteen a lad is a Boy Scout. After that he's a girl scout.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-two births were recorded in the Oak Knoll Out-Patient Department during the week of May 29-June 4. The new arrivals were:

29 May

FRANKLIN, Gary Lee—To wife of Donald Franklin, SO1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

HINDMAN, Kathleen Michele—To wife of Stanley Hindman, LCDR, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

GUERRERO, Frances Michele—To wife of Michael Guerrero, T/Sgt., 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

30 May

KIRBY, Maury William—To wife of Maury Kirby, AD3, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

31 May

CRAWLEY, Deborah Cecelia—To wife of Patrick Crawley, DC1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

BATASTINI, Robert Jack—To wife of Robert Batastini, AK3, 7 pounds 13 ounces.

SQUARE, Kathryn Mae—To wife of Thomas Square, SA, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

POLLOCK, Leslie Ann—To wife of James Pollock, LTJG, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

McGINNIS, Tommie Eugene—To wife of Roswell McGinnis, HMC, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

TUPPER, Norma Diane—To wife of Eugene Tupper, DT3, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

1 June

BATES, Carol Olivia—To wife of Ivory Bates, QM2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

2 June

POMMER, Michelle Aimee—To wife of Donald Pommer, LTJG, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

HITCHLER, Kendall Jerome—To wife of Richard Hitchler, CS1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

LOCKE, Baby Boy—To wife of James Locke, HM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Baby Boy—To wife of Raymond Williams, S/Sgt., 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

METZ, Steven Lawrence—To wife of Herbert Metz, QM3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

DILLINGHAM, Rita Alice—To wife of Bobby W. Dillingham, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

PATILLO, James Robert Jr.—To wife of James Patillo, DCC, 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.

3 June

DAY, Baby Girl—To wife of Frank Day, S/Sgt., 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

CUNNINGHAM, Baby Girl—To wife of James Cunningham, ST2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

WILSON, Kenneth Clay—To wife of Eldon C. Wilson, ET1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

4 June

LANPHERE, Catherine Ann—To wife of Raymond Lanphere, AC1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." "What is truth?" Pilot asked as he questioned Jesus. Did he really want to know? Jeremiah, an Old Testament prophet speaks of the willful ignorance of the people of his day. "A horrible thing is come to pass in the land. The prophets prophesy falsely—and my people love to have it so."

It is the same in our day. We pray "thy kingdom come" but we really don't mean it. We like the mediocre standards of our day. If we didn't, we would do more about raising them in our personal lives. We could more conscientiously pray the prayer of Augustine before his conversion, "Give me continence O God, but not yet." We are often too much in love with our sins to part with them.

Can we face this about ourselves? Dare we admit that we are sinners? If we could, it would be half the battle won. There is no road to improvement without honesty with the self regarding where you stand now and sorrow for inability to meet a higher standard. It is written, "there is none righteous—no, not one." Can anyone of us be so presumptuous as to think himself deserving in God's sight. Men do, because they judge themselves by their fellowmen and forget that God's standards are more exacting. By His standards, "all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." We all like to think we are fine upstanding people, but in all honesty we would have to admit that we miss the mark more than once in a while—and missing by a mile or an inch makes little difference to God if we know we are missing but don't make an honest effort to get back on the target.

God would like to have us make that effort. The truth about God is Love, but His Love cannot be shown to those who will not receive it. The truth shall make you free only as you accept His offer of pardon and peace but the initial step must be yours.

—ROBERT L. McCOMAS.



Who's Who On The Compound

One of the nurses blessed with the talent of supervisor, otherwise known as a "ramp tramp," is **Edith L. Robinson, LT(NC) USN**. She can be found daily on the forty and fifty ramps carrying out her assigned duties.

Miss Robinson was born in Little Rock, Illinois, but came to San Diego to enter the Navy in December of 1941. She remained at San Diego for 13 months, then proceeded to Auckland, New Zealand, for another 15 months. From there she went to the now extinct Treasure Island Hospital and then aboard the USS Gen. Wm. Mitchell and a quick tour of the South Pacific. She returned to the USNH Philadelphia and then to the Chincoteague, Virginia, Naval Aviation Ordnance Testing Station prior to reporting to Oak Knoll on 18 January 1949.

Photography is Miss Robinson's hobby, but among the more active sports, she likes to bowl and play a few sets of tennis.



One of Oak Knoll's small compliment of WAVES is **Wanda Jones, A(W)**, who works in the pediatric clinic of the Out Patient Department. She is perhaps the most athletic of the Waves aboard the station.

Wanda was born in Strawn, Texas, but when it came time for her to enlist in the Navy on 12 November 1948, the scene had shifted to Seattle, Washington. Her recruit indoctrination, and corps school took place in San Diego, and on 30 April 1949 she arrived here.

She is justly proud of the tennis trophy that she won in August of 1948 in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for mixed doubles, and of other awards she received for athletics while attending college. Although tennis is her specialty, she is an enthusiastic golfer and swimmer.



Reading the "Oak Leaf" as all intelligent people do, is **E. M. Syvertsen, HM3**, the senior corpsman in surgery.

Sy first saw the light of day in the great city of Indianapolis, Indiana, and it was there he enlisted in the Navy. After going to Bainbridge, Maryland for his recruit indoctrination, he was transferred to Great Lakes for Hospital Corps School. He arrived at Oak Knoll early one brisk autumn morning, 12 October 1947, to be exact. At the time of his arrival Oak Knoll was short on corpsmen, and upon being informed of his arrival with two other men, he was told to "sit quiet and don't get hurt, we'll send someone after you."



First prize for names of home towns seems to go to **Robert L. Griffin, HMC**. He hails from (and this is no misprint) Jack on Hole, Wyoming. And if you think the lanky Chief Master-at-Arms doesn't take a ribbing about it you're sadly mistaken.

"Griff," as he is known to his colleagues, enlisted in the Navy on 16 February 1937 in San Diego. Since enlisting, he has had a variety of duty stations — too numerous for publication. One of these highlights of his Navy career came recently when he received a letter of commendation from RADM C. A. Broadus for his outstanding work as CMAA.

Griffin recently started a new hobby of dog raising. Six weeks ago he owned one dog, Mitzie. One week later he had fourteen, compliments of Mitzie. Anybody want a dog?

Griffin and his wife Lorraine live at 1212 105th Ave., Oakland (with Mitzie and the thirteen pups).

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's permanent duty staff suffered heavily during the past week with the departure of fifteen persons. The only persons reporting aboard, with the exception of one, are here for 14 days annual training duty. Those reporting for the training duty were LCDR Kathryn Hyde, W(H)S, USNR, ENS Laurie Leonards (HP), USNR, LT Lila E. Sutter, HS(W), LCDR James M. Nelson, MCR, USNR, and LT Harold L. Smith (HS) USNR. Returning from temporary additional duty at Bethesda, Maryland, was C. A. Weitz, HMC.

Departing from the compound were CWOHC Stuart E. Richardson, USN, to USNH San Diego, California, and LT B. D. Rosser, SC, USN, transferred to the Deputy High (US) Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Enlisted staff men who said their farewells were H. Y. Morris, HMC, to HCS, Portsmouth, Virginia, H. C. Ballard, HM1, to USS Union (AKA-106), R. W. Harned, HMC, to EMS, Treasure Island, E. A. Brewer, HMC, to ComDesDiv 12 at Puget Sound, Washington, and C. E. Estes, HM2, to RecSta, San Francisco.

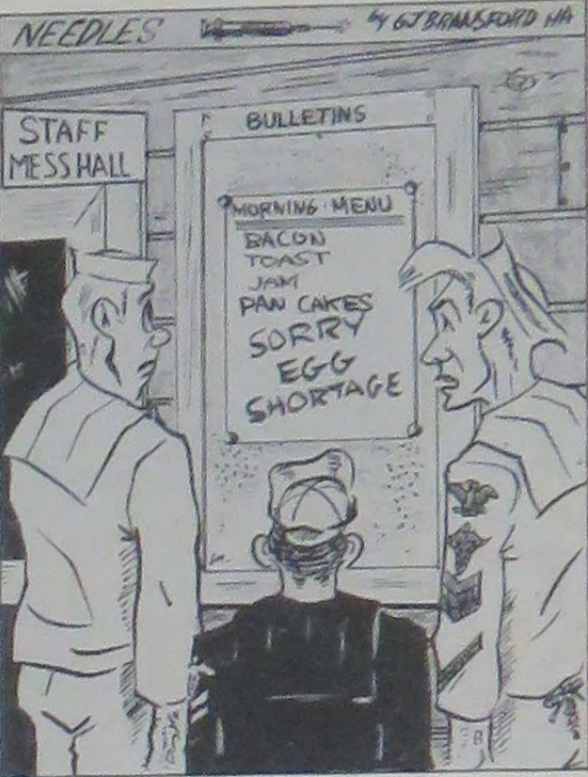
Also leaving were five graduates of the School for Operating Room Technique, W. H. Berryman, HN, to Marine Corps Air Station, Edenton, North Carolina, F. C. Capps, HN, to USNH, Bethesda, Maryland, R. L. McGee, HN, to N.A.S. Patux River, Maryland, H. L. Zable, HM3, to USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo, California, and W. M. Sica, HN, to USNH, Charleston, South Carolina.

She Had a Nickel, Too!

**Hull, Quebec (AFPS)**—The bandit walked into the cafe, waved a gun, robbed Miss Blanche Gendron of \$38, and then locked her up so he could make a getaway.

But police nabbed the culprit within a matter of minutes.

He had locked Miss Gendron in a telephone booth.



"Hey, Doc, don't they ever have eggs around here?"

Chuckles

Nice elderly lady: "My you are cute. Are you a little boy or a little girl?"

Young blood: "Look lady what the hell else could I be?"

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I think that I shall never see a gal refuse a meal that's free. A gal with hungry eyes not fixed upon a drink that's being mixed. But gals are loved by guys like me, 'Cause I don't like to kiss a tree.

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Said one nudist to another: "I think we've been seeing too much of each other lately."

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Said one casket to the other casket: Is that you coffin?

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"I've a friend I'd like you to meet, girls."

Athletic girl: "What can he do?"

Chorus girl: "How much money does he have?"

Literary girl: "What does he read?"

Society girl: "Who are his family?"

Religious girl: "What church does he belong to?"

Wave: "Where is he?"

Administrative Language

"Passed to you for action"—An interpretation—unscrupulous method of making a junior officer do all the work, so the senior officer may write forward and sign.

"Herewith are forwarded"—Or not as the case may be, but you are to blame if the enclosures are missing.

"For your information"—It means nothing to me and probably nothing to you.

"A growing body of opinion"—Two very senior staff officers agree.

"Opinion widely held"—Three very senior staff officers agree.

"Under consideration"—Never heard of it, or the papers have been lost.

"Under active consideration"—Will try to find the papers.

"Concur generally"—Never read the document, and will not be bound by anything I say.

"Have you any remarks"—Give me an idea of what it is about.

"Snowed under"—Only able to take 1½ hours for lunch.

"Give him the picture"—A long, confusing and inaccurate statement made to a newcomer.

"You will remember"—You have forgotten, if you ever knew anything about it, because I have.

"In due course"—Never.

"All orders issued by my predecessor are to remain in force"—I haven't read them yet and will change them at the first opportunity.

"Has received careful consideration"—A period of inactivity covering a time lag.

"Transmitted to you"—You hold the bag awhile—I'm tired of it.

"In conference"—Don't know where he is.

"Kindly expedite reply"—For God's sake try to find the papers.

"Passed to higher authority"—Pigeonholed in more sumptuous office.

"Appropriate action"—Do you know what to do with it? We don't.



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### SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE VIRGILANT

Virgil, Ill. (SEA) — The Roman poet Virgil once wrote: "Crimine ab uno disce omnes." Translated from the Latin, it means, "From one crime you learn the lesson of all the rest." So, having learned their lesson, directors of an oft-robbed Virgil state bank took drastic action to prevent future holdups—they voted to go out of business.

### Station Standings

The standings for the station league up to and including games played on 8 June are as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Port Watch	4	1	.800
Dental	4	2	.667
Ad Building	4	2	.667
Staff Officers	3	2	.600
Civil Service	2	3	.400
Prop. & Acct'n'g.	2	3	.400
Laboratory	2	3	.400
Starboard Watch	0	5	.000

In last week's games the Port Watch held on to first place by virtue of a win over the Lab, and the Administration Building went into a momentary tie by downing the Staff Officers, 5-3 in eight innings. However, Dental bounced the Ad Building into a tie for second by winning a 14-10 slugfest. Civil Service won by a forfeit from the Starboard Watch.

## The Sporting Scene

By Armed Forces Press Service

This is the time of year when great numbers of humans dig deep into their closets in a flurry of anxiety. They reappear, beaming and confident, with a familiar product of American athletic ingenuity . . . a set of golf clubs.

Drivers, mashies and putters come in for close examination. The average fairways gent loves the game with a fanaticism. He's eager for that first swing and if there is a mirror handy, he'll be there, too—swinging and admiring. This year he'll be a cinch to break a hundred. Ah, what a wonderful game.

The credit for developing this popular game belongs to Scotland. It was not invented as recreation for the tired business man on his afternoon off, nor was it started as a means of making experts wealthy because of their skill.

The best explanation might well be explained by referring to the old axiom, "Forbidden fruit has a sweet taste." Old human nature, which always enjoys something better when it's forbidden, proved to be the golf bonanza.

It all started back in the 14th or 15th century. The Scots were picking up golf so fast that it might be compared to a fad in this country. This popularity did not please King James IV, of Scotland (1488-1513) who created a law outlawing the sport. His reason: the sport was too simple, anybody could hit a little ball and in addition the threat of invasion from enemies was always imminent.

Regardless of this stern edict, the Scots continued to bang away at the sport until they were caught or fined. Proponents of the game appealed to the King to relax the law. They argued that the game was honorable, clean and a fine form of exercise. To prove their point, they inveigled James into a game. His insistence that it was a silly form of play requiring no skill probably was the thing that made him accept the challenge.

Apparently James missed his first few swings, tried some more, and was back day after day to prove that it could be mastered. Before long the game had fascinated him and the law was never enforced.

Golf was introduced into the United States in the 1880's. Again it was a Scotsman, John G. Reid, who lived in Yonkers, N. Y., who gave the sport its American baptism. For that contribution to his adopted country, Mr. Reid is called the "Father of American golf."

With the advent of full scale popularity, the game has seen competition sharpen and even golf courses outdo each other in their attempts to create hazards to test the experts. Distance of drives still counts heavily but the game has developed into a series of

shots, each requiring a special skill and technique. The average golfer will use a certain club for one shot and another for a different type.

The basic rules for golf stipulate that a course may be 9 or 18 holes. The holes may be any distance from the tee that the architect may decide.

There are two methods of competition: match play and medal play. Match play is usually 18 or 36 holes. Medal play usually is 72 holes. In match play, the result is determined by who wins the most holes. In medal play, the winning of individual holes is ignored; the contest is determined by who requires the fewest strokes to negotiate the number of specified holes.

We might add that golf owes a lot of its popularity to self improvement. It's a challenge to a player to improve each time. Result—he keeps on playing, always endeavoring to lower his score. Just remember that practice makes perfect.

### Big Surprise! Our Pirates Didn't Finish In Cellar

The conclusion of the 12ND softball league found Oak Knoll's Pirates in a tie for fifth place in league standing, and Fleet Aircraft of Alameda winning by a wide margin.

The Knollites were responsible for the only defeat handed to the winning nine, a 3-2 decision gained in the second week of play. The Alamedans avenged the defeat in the second round of play by pounding out a 14-2 verdict on the Knoll diamond.

The Pirates' other victories in the league were registered against EMS Treasure Island and VR-2 Alameda. The cellar dwelling Treasure Island squad dropped both games to the locals, while VR-2 split. Three teams took both games from the Pirates, PacResFlt, Alameda, Moffett Field, and N.A.S. Oakland.

Final standings in the league follow:

	W	L	Pct.
Fleet Aircraft	11	1	.917
PacResFlt, Alameda	7	5	.583
VR-2 Alameda	7	5	.583
N.A.S. Oakland	6	6	.500
U.S.N.H. Oakland	4	8	.333
N.A.S. Moffett Field	4	8	.333
E.M.S. Treasure Island	3	9	.250

## MOVIES

SUNDAY, 12 JUNE

COLORADO TERRITORY with Joel McCrea and Virginia Mayo (Western)—This is a grim story of an outlaw who tries to go straight after his previous escape from prison, but is so enmeshed in his previous life of crime that he again becomes involved in a robbery that finally brings his end in a hail of bullets. . . . 94 min.

MONDAY, 13 JUNE

CALIFORNIA with Ray Milland and Barbara Stanwyck (Western)—A replay of the popular cinema depicting life in the early days of this state. . . . 98 min.

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE

IT HAPPENS EVERY SPRING with Ray Milland and Jean Peters (Bright Comedy)—What happens when a penniless scientist discovers a coating substance that repels wood, and when he then proceeds to become a baseball pitcher is told in this lively, imaginative comedy. Many baseball scenes, some apparently newsreel shots of actual games, are used and should excite the fans. . . . 87 min.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE

ARCTIC MANHUNT with Mikel Conrad and Carol Thurston (Melodrama)—Conrad is released from prison after a 7 year term, picks up the \$250,000 swag he has secreted and flees to Alaska, followed by insurance investigators. Losing the money enroute to Tigara, he falls in love with Miss Thurston, who he meets there, and decides to go straight, but when a native finds the money he changes his mind again and flees with it across the ice, losing his life when the ice on which he stands drifts out to sea. . . . 69 min.

THURSDAY, 16 JUNE

THE WIZARD OF OZ with an all-star cast (Fantasy)—This timeless story, dedicated to "the young in heart" tells of the imaginary Land of Oz and the adventures therein, embellished with color and song, and an all star cast. First released 10 years ago, it is now being re-issued. . . . 101 min.

FRIDAY, 17 JUNE

NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER with Red Skelton and Esther Williams (Musical Comedy in Technicolor)—In this production Skelton plays the part of a masseur who impersonates the captain of a visiting South American polo team. Esther Williams, who with Keenan Wynn operates a bathing suit factory, falls in and out of love with the South American captain and Betty Garrett, playing Miss Williams' sister, is the victim of a case of mistaken identity which provides the main thread of the story. Amongst the musical numbers in this show is the popular "It's Cold Outside". A newcomer, Ricardo Montalban, does a short song and dance sequence. . . . 93 min.

SATURDAY, 18 JUNE

APRIL SHOWERS with Jack Carson and Ann Sothern (Musical Comedy)—This is our second replay for this week with no available information. Try your neighbor, he may have seen it.

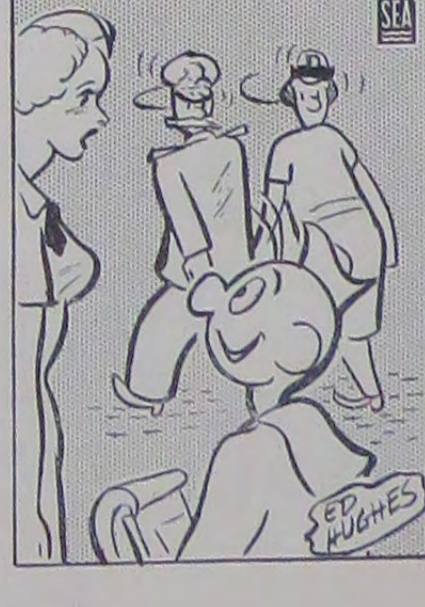
### AT THE END OF HIS ROPE?

Venice, Calif. (SEA)—Entering a home, intent on robbery, a thief first tied up the lady of the house and two ladies who were visiting. Next, he answered the doorbell and invited in a neighbor whom he also trussed up. It was then necessary to untie one of the ladies to quiet a squalling baby. The doorbell rang again—this time a salesman, who in turn was duly bound. And at this point, the bemuddled burglar walked out, muttering to himself.

### STALEMATE

By Ed Hughes, LI3

### "Phoney Report"







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## Women's Group Contributes \$100 A Month To Oak Knoll



Members of the Executive Board of the Northern California section of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Inc., were luncheon guests at the Officers' Club on June 8. At that time Captain S. S. Cook, Medical Officer in Command, and members of the Red Cross staff had an opportunity to thank the group for their many contributions to this hospital during the past five years.

Since April 5, 1944, this organization, which includes women from various Bay Area cities, has contributed \$6,300 to the Red Cross at this hospital, thereby making it possible for the Red Cross to provide valuable equipment for the Craft Shop and to supply generous amounts of craft materials for the use of ambulatory and bed patients. Equipment purchased with the gift money, which has come to the hospital in 63 monthly payments, include leather supplies, clay and glazes for ceramics, materials for wood finishing, copper for tooling, yarns and warps for weaving, equipment and supplies for the darkroom, a motor for band saw and lathe, motor and vibro tools, a stencil-cutting machine, and many other articles of equal value. These gifts make it possible for the chapter to maintain the craft shop, which has the reputation of being the best equipped in the Pacific Area.

Present for the recent luncheon were Mrs. D. N. Vedensky, president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. George S. Young, Oakland; Mrs. Edward H. Wisser, Mrs. A. A. Cadogan, Mrs. J. C. Lokken, Mrs. H. A. Sawin, Mrs. Bernard York, Mrs. J. T. Moynihan, Jr., and Mrs. W. S. Weeks, all of Berkeley; Mrs. Lawrence B. Wright, Mrs. Fred W. Varney, Mrs. George Bibbitt, San Francisco; Mrs. George L. Harrington, Palo Alto; Mrs. S. H. Sampson, Atherton; Mrs. H. R. Plate, Burlingame. Representing the Red Cross at the meeting were Mrs. Frederic Pape, Craft Chairman for the Berkeley Gray Ladies; Miss Marie Adams, Hospital Field Director; Miss Winifred Ely, Recreation Supervisor; Miss Vera Wilkeson, Case Work Supervisor; and Miss Jean Alexander, recreation worker in charge of the Craft Shop.

### Staff Actors Debut

**FLASH!** The success of Oak Knoll Corpsmen—as nursemaids and actors—is now being revealed on the screen by MGM's News of the Day. Beginning Friday, 17 June, at the Telenews Theaters in downtown Oakland and San Francisco, the movie taken recently in the OPD nursery will run for a week, according to word received from MGM's representatives.

### Outgrowing Your Gear? Navy Relief Wants It

A constant source for questions for the past week have been the bright red barrels with Navy Relief painted on the side. At last we are able to bring you the straight scoop on the matter.

The barrels are part of the Navy Relief's drive to replenish their thrift shop at N.A.S. Alameda. If you should happen to have anything you don't want, such as household goods, clothing, phonograph records, etc., put them in the barrel and they will be collected by Navy Relief and sent to the Alameda store.

Of course if you have something of considerable size you would like to give, like an overstuffed chair which, most naturally, will not fit in the barrel, call LA. 3-2200, ext. 398, and some one will pick it up for you. As for the location of the barrels, one is in the ship's service building, and the other in the out-patient department clinic.

### Administration Building Is Getting Face Lifted

In recent days the Administration Building has resembled a carpenter shop with workmen tearing down and putting up partitions with a view to consolidating some of the departments around the compound. A large part of the disbursing office has been walled off and the new office created will house the Inside Master-at-Arms, Staff Detail, Staff Personnel, and Leave and Liberty.

The Staff Personnel office will eventually go into use as a central filing room, with mimeograph machines, and the organization staff taking over. Then into the old Organization office will go the "Oak Leaf," while its present quarters will be turned over to Officer Personnel.

With public works personnel working at top speed, all changes are expected to be put into effect in about two weeks.

### Officers to Picnic Tomorrow at Temescal

Another Staff Officers' picnic will be held tomorrow, Sunday, 19 June, at the Lake Temescal Picnic Grounds. Directions for reaching the grounds have been distributed to the Officers' boxes.

The picnic will have the usual games and contests for the oldsters and youngsters, with a steak fry in the afternoon and fried chicken in the evening, after appetites have been sharpened by the games.

## Staff to Entertain A.C.M.A. Members Here Monday Night

Some 500 Navy and civilian doctors will meet together here Monday evening when Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Medical Officer in command, and members of the staff act as hosts for the June meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association.

The Eastbay doctors will convene at 6:30 for buffet dinner in the courtyard of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, and at 8:15 they will meet in the auditorium for a scientific program presented by members of the Oak Knoll Staff.

Captain Cook will open the meeting by welcoming guests to the hospital. His talk will be followed by a group of case studies including "An Unusual Case of Malignant Melanoma"—LT C. K. Holloway, MC, USN; "A Case of Anomalous Right Kidney and Ureter"—LTJG Arthur J. Wilets, MC, USN, and CDR John S. Shaver, MC, USN; "Nitrogen Mustard in the Treatment of Lymphomas"—CDR Anton Zikmund, MC, USN.

### Second All-Staff Dance Features Jimmy Blum

The second in the series of monthly staff dances will be held on Wednesday, 22 June, in Ship's Service Auditorium. The success of the first dance has led to a repeat performance, and the Recreation committee hopes to have one dance monthly for staff members only.

This month's dance music will be furnished by Jimmy Blum and his orchestra, who will be remembered for the fine Memorial Day show presented here last month.

The dance is scheduled for the hours of 2000 to 2300 and the usual refreshments will be served.



JIMMY BLUM



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## ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORPS

Medical Department activities throughout the Navy yesterday observed the 51st anniversary of the establishment of the Hospital Corps.

The hospital corpsmen's devotion to duty remains unfaded in the minds of millions of shipmates who looked to him for care when sick or wounded and for comradely advice and counsel on personal matters. These men need no reassurance that their deeds under fire won them deep gratitude and the undying respect of sailors and marines with whom they served.

With death as a persistent enemy, their 51 years of combat against it continues. Now guns are silent and the spectre of death treads more quietly among men, but patients in Naval hospitals and sick bays can rely upon the hospital corpsmen whose heritage is one unsurpassed by any—Service to mankind.

### † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

When Earl Marlott, former Dean at Boston University, wrote his book "Protestant Saints," he was asked by a small boy, "Uncle Earl, what's your book about?" The dean hesitated a moment and then answered, "I'm afraid it's something you never heard of—Saints." The boy, remembering the stained glass windows in Sunday School, was quick to say, "Sure, I know what saints are. They are men the light shines through."

We cannot all be good enough to be regarded as saints. We cannot all be great enough to have our likeness made in stained glass. Few are! But remember this! The saints were first of all men and women. They were as human as we are. The light that came into the world with the birth of Jesus of Nazareth simply became so real in them that it was reflected in everything they did. Therein was the source of their power. That light has not gone out. It still guides men everywhere—"away from their follies and their wars, away from their ruin and decay, away from their heartbreak and homesickness to the bright endless way where glory is real and happiness lasting."

Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." In a very real way, He is still in the world. The souls of men and women who know, love and serve Christ—they are the lens through which the light of the Saving Son still shines. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in Heaven."

—Chaplain R. F. McComas

## Divine Services

Protestant: Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—1000  
Sunday School—1100  
Nursery—1100  
Church Service—1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic: Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.

Thursday Mass—0630  
Saturday Mass—1200  
Novena every Wednesday at 1900

Christian Science: Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish: Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Who's Who On The Compound



Currently working on wards 40A and B after a short tour of supervision duty is LT Josephine Casares, NC. Miss Casares has divided her time between the S.O.Q. wards and the E.E.N.T. clinic since her arrival here on 21 November 1948.

She was born in Los Angeles, California, and it was there she entered the Navy on 5 May 1942. In 1943 she served nine months in the Virgin Islands, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Guantanamo Bay. She was transferred to Oak Knoll from USNH St. Albans, New York.

Her hobbies are designing, interior decorating, and brush and finger painting. For the more active sports, tennis, swimming, and bowling are high in preference.

For five days out of every week, Milburn A. Williams sees about all the civilian staff and great numbers of Naval personnel leave and enter the station. Bill has been one of Oak Knoll's main gate guards since 22 October 1945, and was recently designated as the Senior Guard.

Bill is a native of San Francisco, and during World War I he was in the 363rd Infantry, Company H, 91st Division, and from 1917 to 1919 he was at Fort Lewis, Washington. Prior to his coming to Oak Knoll he was a deputy sheriff, serving out of Martinez in Contra Costa County.

Bill and his wife, Theresa, live at 229 Frisbie Street, Oakland. And for off hours, he likes to spend them fishing, hunting, swimming, and dancing.



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Lesson number one in how to wear out the arm comes from Frank Duran, HN, who is shown working the handle on a mimeograph machine, one of the sideline duties he performs while working in the allergy clinic on ward 63B.

Frank entered recruit training in San Diego after enlisting in his native Denver, Colorado on 27 October 1947. It was also San Diego where he received his Hospital Corps training, and from there he reported to Oak Knoll on 17 April 1948. On his duty nights Frank is kept busy by showing Red Cross Movies on the wards.

For recreation, Duran is enthusiastic when it comes to football, swimming and basketball, or just anything but work.



One of the recent additions to Oak Knoll's ranks of petty officers is Eugene B. Turner, HM3. Just one year and two days after arriving here he was a rated man, which is not an easy thing to do.

Turner was born in Dallas, Texas, and enlisted in the Navy there on 21 October 1947. He was sent to San Diego for Boot camp and Corps School, and then here on 14 May 1948.

He likes to participate in about every outdoor sport, and included on his list are baseball, basketball, tennis, bowling, football, hunting and fishing.





## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Thirty-four births, including one set of twins, were recorded in Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department between June 5-11. They were:

### 5 June

PEELER, Christine Marie—To wife of Donald Peeler, HM2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
LEUTHARD, Michael Bernard—To wife of Leo Leuthard, ADC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
PERRYMAN, Baby Boy — To wife of Charles Perryman, Sgt., 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
BARNES, Pratt Andrew — To wife of Gerald Barnes, LTJG, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
MANN, Daniel Robert—To wife of Ben Mann, LT, 4 pounds, 4 ounces.  
MANN, Donald Ben—To wife of Ben Mann, LT, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.  
GAMONING, Gail Martha—To wife of Jo Gamoning, SDC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

### 6 June

HARDY, Floyd Richard — To wife of Floyd Hardy, SN, 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.  
MESSER, Joanne—To wife of Ned Messer, PR1, 6 pounds.  
BROWN, Baby Boy—To wife of Fred Brown, LTJG, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
WATERS, Norman John — To wife of Norman Waters, MMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

### 7 June

SMITH, Cheryl Jeannette — To wife of Ed Smith, BM3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
PECK, Baby Boy—To wife of John Peck, T, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
HESKETH, Christine Ann—To wife of Ward Hesketh, AD1, 7 pounds.  
WILSON, Doris Elaine — To wife of Ray Wilson, AD3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

### 8 June

LAIRD, Robin—To wife of Thomas Laird, M1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
CULLER, Kenneth Lloyd—To wife of Lawrence Culler, AM1, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.  
BROCK, Paula Rae—To wife of Lloyd Brock, OM1, 7 pounds, 14½ ounces.  
FINLEY, Sandra Kay—To wife of Edgar Finley, S/Sgt., 8 pounds, 1½ ounces.

### 9 June

RYNN, Linda Sue—To wife of George Rynn, YNSN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
MINERS, Dale—To wife of Reid Miners, T3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
ALESZKA, James Charles—To wife of Benjamin Aleszka, ETC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
REHANA, Lewis Abraham—To wife of Edward Rehana, AA, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.  
BACHER, Louis Joseph — To wife of Louis Bacher, M/Sgt., 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

### 10 June

LLOYD, Patricia Alys—To wife of Robert Lloyd, AOC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
ASHBY, Baby Girl—To wife of Robert Ashby, SA, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
SHERRELL, Baby Girl — To wife of Douglas Sherrell, AM2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
CAMPBELL, Baby Boy — To wife of John Campbell, AD1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.  
SHAW, Diane Elizabeth — To wife of Edward Shaw, CMDR, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
DAWLEY, Jeffrey Linnley—To wife of Stanley Dawley, FN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
HIGUERA, Richard Lee — To wife of Edward Higuera, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

### 11 June

HEGWER, Gregory Douglas—To wife of Paul Hegwer, Ships Clk., 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
ROBERTS, Russell Lynn — To wife of Robert Roberts, AN, 2 pounds, 15 ounces.  
SUMRALL, James Leo — To wife of Lowell Sumrall, LT, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's staff again lost heavily during the week, with nine departures from and four arrivals on the compound. Arriving during the last week were R. G. Lundgren, M1, from the Naval Medical Supply Depot, Brooklyn, New York; NS Rosemary Neville, NC, from active duty, and two more nurses from USNH, Great Lakes, Illinois. They were ENS Lillis L. Stoops and NS Lucy I. Tarvin.

Departing from the compound were W. L. Robinson, SD1, to ComPac, San Diego; M. E. Harding, M1, to N.S.D. Oakland, California; Bernard Luciano, HA, to Naval Dental School, San Diego, California; LCDR R. H. Friesz, to MOin Charge, Medical Unit, Tripler General Hospital, Oahu, T.H.

Also departing was LT A. J. Brant, NC, to USNH Guam, M.I., and four persons to civilian life—LTJG David P. McCallie, MCR, ENS Edna Jobukowski, NC, LTJG Celeste C. Olford, NC, and LTJG Margaret Smith, NC.

## How Staff Celebrated Hospital Corps' 51st Birthday



Even though the Hospital Corps of the Navy celebrated its fifty-first anniversary yesterday, work around the hospital continued in the usual routine. In the receiving room, patients continued to be admitted under the watchful eyes of R. M. Thompson, HMC, (1) and in the afternoon the members of the port watch, of which C. E. Grant, HM3, (2), is a member, went to the classes of instruction for hospital corpsmen. In the pharmacy, R. J. Connell, HM1, (3), continued his filing, while in the Out-Patient Clinic C. R. Charron, HA(W), (4), went on with routine inoculations. W. H. Gass, HM2, (5), measures the chest of a patient for an X-Ray, and T. G. Nelson, HN, (6), closes the autoclave while preparing sterile packs on the maternity ward. These members of the Hospital Corps are but a few of those who are not content to rely on past laurels, but they work on, striving to improve themselves and at the same time contributing an important share in the work of the hospital.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Ward Washup:** Last week Ward 71B had a celebration for themselves with a little light refreshment furnished by the Red Cross. The occasion was for the ending of "spring housecleaning" at which all the patients and ward crew had labored valiantly for days. But, somehow, these efforts to achieve "the home beautiful" didn't stop with the party. The eagle-eyed group decided that the outside of the ward didn't look too artistic either! So volunteers Jerome A. Tonelli, Pfc., M.C. and Robert E. Johnson, R.D.S.N., aided and abetted by the ward nurses Ensigns I. L. Vespers and C. E. Grappe soon planned a fine outdoors garden with the help of the Red Cross and promises of supplies from the base gardening staff. This activity so inspired patient Kenneth Willingham, F.N. of ward 71A that, in addition to his self-imposed hobby of keeping the lawn green, he has started a real garden on A side! Incidentally, Miss Grappe, who is a fancier of guppy fish, donated a dozen of her little "finny" charges to the patients on 71B.

**GETTING THE BEST:** Four people interested in getting the finest in recreation programs for all you

patients came to a "special" meeting at the Red Cross lounge last week. They were Mrs. Plant, Alameda, Mrs. Wood, Oakland, Mrs. Ahlgren, Berkeley, and Mrs. Martin, East Bay Red Cross Chapter Council Coordinator. The first three ladies are chairmen of their Red Cross Chapter Entertainment and Instruction Service, and they are the ones responsible for getting your entertainment, shows, piano, art, and language teachers, hostesses for lounge parties, those colored movies and slide programs, and so on. Just name the special recreation you're interested in to your Red Cross worker and these ladies will secure the services and make the arrangements with organizations in Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland. They left the meeting last week with an armful of recreation requests you've

### Last Chance!

For those of you who practice economy, may we remind you of the price hike in small stores, due on 1 July. Joe Jackson, the man in charge, feels as though you who are interested in saving a little of that hard earned green stuff, will take heed and invest a portion of this next paycheck in clothing you may need.

all given the Red Cross recreation workers. So . . . Bouquets to these hard-working volunteers!

When it comes to a combination of beauty plus talent, we are sure Mrs. Genevieve Wood, Oakland Red Cross Chairman of the Entertainment and Instruction Service, has discovered some of the best at the Blue Triangle Club. The show given on 44B and 42B by some twenty young ladies was most enthusiastically received and the office is still answering requests for "more, more!" A chorus, a Dutch dance, a hula dancer (whistle), some solos, and a hot harmony trio rounded out a choice program which we hope can be given again on some other wards. Anyway, we're hopin'!



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PREVIEWS

**SUNDAY 19 JUNE**  
ANY NUMBER CAN PLAY with Clark Gable and Alexis Smith (Drama)—In this film Gable is the two-fisted he-man his supporters crave. He is a square-shooting proprietor of a gambling house, operating in an undesignated city which gives the legal nod to craps, bird-cage, roulette, etc. . . . Practically everyone who knows him likes him except his son, played by Darryl Hickman, whose school chums know his background and never hesitate to display their attitude. The latter behaves in that hate pattern until he gets a chance to see his father operate first hand.

**MONDAY, 20 JUNE**  
EASY COME, EASY GO with Barry Fitzgerald and Sonny Tufts (Melodrama)—Our first replay for this week with no information available.

**TUESDAY, 21 JUNE**  
THE GIRL FROM JONES BEACH with Ronald Reagan, Virginia Mayo, Eddie Bracken and Dona Drake (Comedy)—Bracken, a promoter, seeks the services of a model, used by artist Reagan in a popular painting called "The Randolph Girl" for a television program, and is stymied when he learns that not one but twelve girls posed for the painting. However, he locates, at Jones Beach, a girl who combines all the separate charms of the 12 models, and after many amusing complications, manages to satisfy everybody's wants, romantic as well as commercial this nite.

**WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE**  
There is no movie this nite. Recreation presents the monthly STAFF dance with the music of Jummy Blum and his Orchestra.

**THURSDAY, 23 JUNE**  
THE BIG CAT with Lon McAllister, Peggy Ann Garner and Preston Foster (Outdoor epic)—The story concerns Lon, who comes to the mountains from the city to get a job with Foster, who once loved Lon's mother. His arrival revives an old fight between Foster and a third party. Peggy, daughter of another principal, falls in love with Lon, who in the end is responsible for Foster's death. Realizing that it was his fault, inexperienced Lon goes out alone to hunt down the cougar which has come down from its mountain hideout driven by thirst from a drought, and succeeds, but only after narrowly escaping death from the cornered animal.

**FRIDAY, 24 JUNE**  
THE FOUNTAIN HEAD with Gary Cooper, Patricia Neal and Raymond Massey (Drama)—Cooper, a talented architect with artistic concepts which he prizes above all else, fails in his calling because he refuses to lower his professional standards for financial or other gain. Miss Neal, with whom he is in love and who loves him, marries Massey in pique because Cooper will not cheapen his artistic ideals, and when Cooper experiences eventual success the two men come into violent public controversy in which Massey's newspaper verges on the brink of ruin. When Massey commits suicide, his widow goes to Cooper with the intent to marry.

**SATURDAY, 25 JUNE**  
FLOWING GOLD with John Garfield and Frances Farmer (Oil Drama)—This is our second replay for the week without available information.

"New" Pirates Shine In Debut, Blast Out 12-6 Verdict Over Alameda Nine

Oak Knoll's "rejuvenated" Pirates dipped into the realms of fantasy on Tuesday night and fashioned a 12 to 6 win over the, catch this, it's tricky, Webster Street Merchants of Alameda. But don't let the name fool you, because the Merchants had a pair of flingers who could give the ball a fast ride to the plate.

The Knollites were able to get their bats on the singing spheroid to the tune of eleven hits worth seventeen bases, including three two-baggers and a long home run by Walt Gelien.

The Alamedans started fast, taking advantage of a walk and an error to plate three runs in the first. Leonard started things off with a base on ball's, but Christie turned around and fanned Jacobs. Gordon "Shorty" Ellis got in too big of a hurry to field Emanuele's double play ball and bobbled it long enough for him to reach first. DuBoise took a 2-0 pitch and lined it through the Oak Knoll outfield and the score was 3 to 0.

In the second inning, Alameda got the home run urge again, this time the pitcher, Curtis lined it out. Leonard rapped a triple, but the throw in eluded Stevenson on third, and he trotted on in with run number five.

The picture changed in the top of the third, as Lalla led off with a double. Christie fanned, but Lar-rupin' Lou Lazo blasted another double scoring Lalla with Oak Knoll's first run of the fray. Gass singled home Lazo, then scored himself on Gelien's horrendous clout into deep left field.

Two successive hits by Christie and Lazo started the fireworks in the fourth. Ellis walked to fill the bases, and three runs poured across when the Alameda shortstop failed to pick up a slow ro'ler off the bat of Gass and the Pirates assumed a 7 to 5 lead. The Merchants came back in their half of the fourth to get what proved to be their final run when Sorenson walked, stole second, and scored on a triple by Curtis.

Newman went on the hill for the locals in the fifth, and pitched one-hit ball for the remaining three frames. The one hit was a single over the head of Ellis, but had the diminutive second baseman been five-foot-four instead of five-foot-three he might have nailed it.

How the Pirates got their last five runs in the top of the seventh is an involved story. But it went something like this. Mitchell gained first via an error by the first baseman, and Stevenson did likewise, but it was the shortstop who bungled. Lalla was hit by the pitcher to round out an afternoon containing a variety of ways to get on base. Newman ended the monotony by getting a hit, and Lazo followed with his third basehit of the day to plate two runs. Lalla came home on a passed ball. "Clutch" Gass maneuvered the ball through the infield for his third hit of the day scoring Newman and Lazo. (We will now pause while you back up and read that again). Christie was the winning pitcher, with three strike-outs to his credit against a pair of walks. Newman fanned four and also issued two bases on balls.

After the first two innings the Alameda nine never made a serious

bid. The first man up in the third doubled, but the next one struck out. Then DuBoise lined to Ellis, who tromped on second for the double play. All in all only six hits came off the Alameda bats, one single, one double, two triples and two home runs. Lazo and Gass were the Knollites hitting stars, each garnering three hits in five trips to the dish.

If you want to compare the "new" Pirates with the team used in the first half of the season, just line up Miss America and Lena the Hyena. Considerable strength has been gained in the infield with a little switching of positions, and the hitting is one hundred per cent improved. With the All-Navy finals coming into view, the Knollites are going to need every basehit they can beg, borrow, or steal, to come out in good shape.

Line Score

	R	H	E
Oak Knoll	0	0	4
Alameda	3	2	0
Christie, Newman (5), and Lazo;	0	0	0
Curtis, D. Jacobs (5), C. DuBoise (7), and B. DuBoise.	0	5	12

The new arrivals are just getting settled in the crowded theatre.

She: "Does it make any difference on which side of you I sit?"

He: "No, I'm ambidextrous."

Average Figures Prove Downright Interesting

New York (AFPS)—Average figures are interesting—and some of them revealing.

For instance, a Hollywood film director says that on an average, only one girl out of 15 receiving a screen test passes it.

And the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has it all figured out that the average person in the United States consumes an average of 18.4 quarts of ice cream a year.

The U. S. Automobile Assn. says that an average of 87 persons a day are killed in traffic accidents. And a survey conducted in Canada revealed that children of well-to-do parents average an inch taller than poor children the same age.

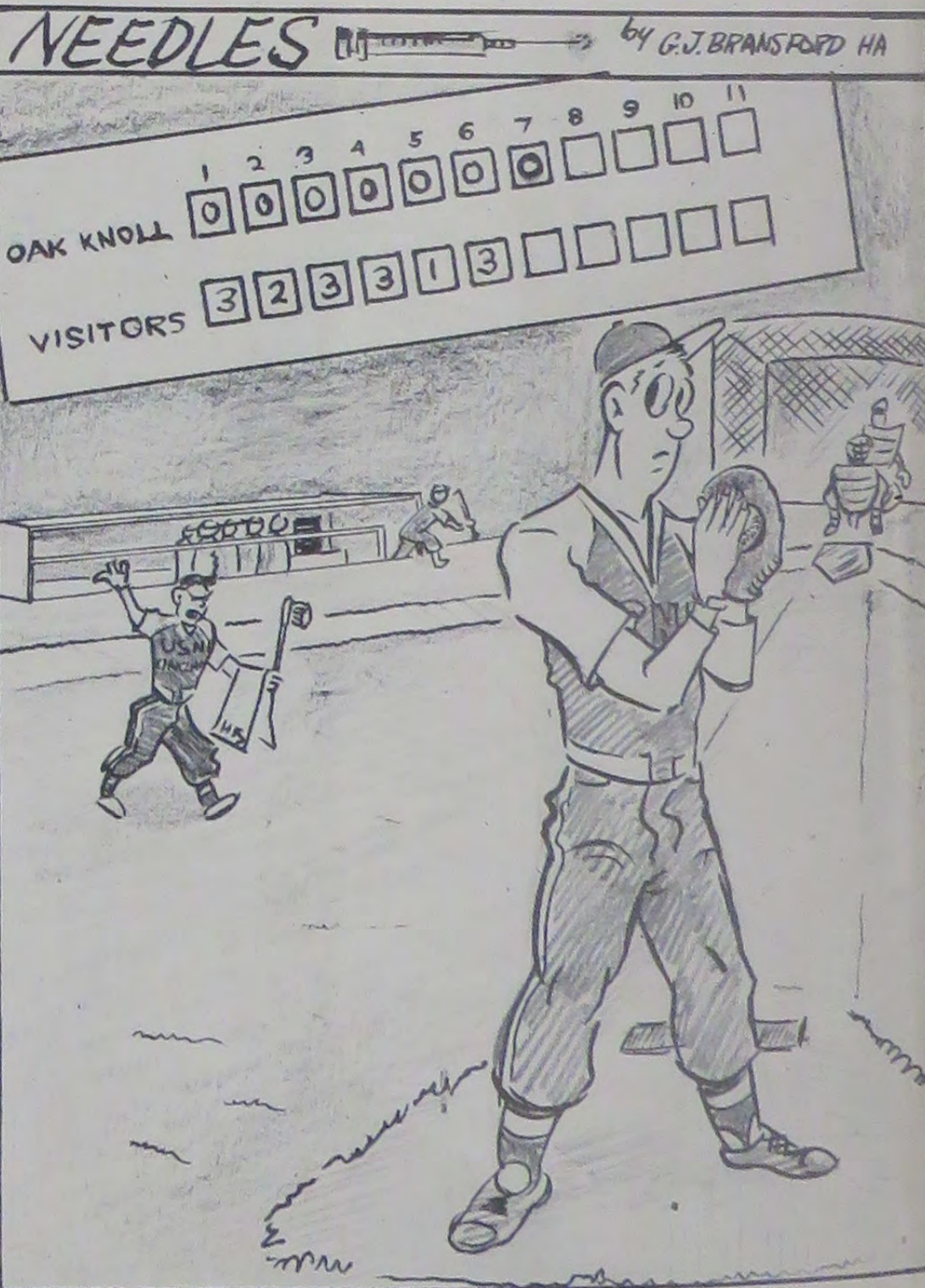
Then there's the manufacturer's research staff who averaged out that an American housewife opens her refrigerator on an average of 62 times daily.

Somebody else figured out that the average cigarette smoker in the United States smokes 8.34 cigarettes a day, and that in average years, two-thirds of the world's population spend their time producing food.

Station Standings

The standings in the station softball league as of thursday morning, 16 June, were as follows:

Port Watch	6	1	.856
Dental	5	2	.714
Administration Bldg	5	2	.714
Staff Officers	5	2	.714
Property and Acct.	2	4	.333
Civil Service	2	5	.286
Laboratory	2	5	.286
Starboard Watch	0	6	.000



"Just a minute, Needles, your shower is ready now."





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## Alameda County MD's at Oak Knoll for Dinner, Scientific Program



Members of the Alameda County Medical Association look forward to meeting once a year at Oak Knoll, where many of the group were on duty as Naval Reservists during the war years and where many played golf in the days before the war. In the scene at left above, Dr. Harold Muller is temporarily diverted from the business at hand, while Captain Cook, Dr.



Donald Lum, and Dr. Leonard A. Barnard serve themselves from one of the tables set in the club courtyard. The scene at the right shows a group of civilian and Navy doctors busily consuming barbecued steaks. Below, the Commanding Officer poses for a picture with Dr. Barnard, president of the association, left, and Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, vice-president.

### Civilians Will Picnic July 9 In Tilden Park

Saturday, July 9, is the date set for the Civilian Employee's Association picnic in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley.

All civilians on the station, their families and friends are invited to join in the fun. Groups will bring their own lunches or barbecue them at the park. (Barbecue pits are provided—bring your own wood). Beer and cokes will be available at reasonable prices (See your CEA Governor for drink tickets since park regulations prohibit cash purchases there).

Pat Benges' CEA baseball team will put on an exhibition game, and there'll be plenty of opportunity for swimming, boating, and hiking, to say nothing of merry-go-round and pony rides for the children.

Details concerning the time and directions for reaching the park will be announced later.

### Not-So-Green Pastures

Detroit, Mich. (SEA)—Officials at local country club will overlook an un-replaced divot occasionally, but when it comes to having a 225-foot-square piece of expensive sod dug up and carted away, the situation assumes unforgiveable proportions. And that's just what happened at the Warren Valley Golf Club. Thieves expertly cut and rolled the entire No. 5 green and made off with everything except the hole.



### Staff Doctors Present Case Reports

Eastbay civilian and Navy doctors met together here Monday night when Captain Cook and officers of the staff were hosts to the Alameda County Medical Association.

Cocktails and a barbecued steak dinner served in the courtyard of the Commissioned Officers' Mess opened the meeting. Following a short business session conducted by Dr. Leonard A. Barnard, ACMA president, the Commanding Officer extended an official welcome to the guests, and a scientific program was presented by members of the hospital staff.

LT C. K. Holloway, MC, USN, reported "An Unusual Case of Malignant Melanoma;" LTJG Arthur J. Wilets, MC, USN and CDR John S. Shaver, MC, USN, collaborated on their report of "A Case of Anomalous Right Kidney and Ureter;" and CDR Anton Zikmund presented a paper on "Nitrogen Mustard in the Treatment of Lymphomas."

More than 350 civilian doctors—among them many who were members of the staff while serving in the Naval Reserve during the war years and a number who frequented Oak Knoll when it was a golf course—attended the meeting. This was the sixth annual get-together for the two groups.

### Medical Service Unity Still Under Consideration

The Secretary of Defense has asked for study on the possibilities for a single medical service for the Army, Navy and Air Force. Meanwhile, several important steps in unification already have been taken in the medical services of the three branches.

Among the most important moves in coordination is the one concerning activities for detection, control, prevention and cure of disease. The new program for inter-service study and control of epidemics and contagious diseases has the following five basic aims:

Improved health of the Armed Forces.

Advancement of modern preventative medicine.

Savings of personnel and funds.

Joint use of certain facilities.

Joint benefits of consultants in these fields.

### Revised Hospital Corps Handbook Is Published

(SEA)—Copies of "The Handbook of the Hospital Corps, United States Navy, 1949," are being supplied to all hospital corpsmen in the Regular Navy. Distribution is being made from the Publications Distribution Center, Norfolk, Va. No requisitions for the handbooks are required except as may be necessary to supplement an insufficient initial distribution.



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## Leadership and the Navyman

Today's navymen will be the nucleus from which the leaders of tomorrow's Navy are chosen.

Leadership, according to definition, is the capacity to obtain the voluntary effort and teamwork of a group, and it is one of the aspects of military science that has not changed—and never will.

A mere definition of the word, however, does not answer that all-important question: Am I a potential leader? To answer the question fairly, it must be remembered that not all persons who become leaders possess the same qualities. Many separate human characteristics are involved, success resting squarely on the shoulders of the individual.

There are two schools of thought regarding those who are potential leaders. One theory is that almost any person of normal intelligence can become a leader. The other theory is that some persons are born with a natural gift for leadership, those born without it never becoming capable leaders.

Undoubtedly, if two men start out with the same potential gifts of the understanding of leadership, one will be better equipped to take advantage of the opportunities that may come his way. However, if he does nothing to improve his leadership qualities, he will remain only a potential leader, and the other man will be out in front—an actual leader.

The door is always open and the welcome mat out for potential leaders who want to become actual leaders in the Navy. The Navy cannot wait for wars to come before taking stock of their supply of leaders. On the contrary, it must constantly stress the development of leadership.

Certain basic qualities, such as competence, honor, impartiality, etc., are essential in a good leader. But unfortunately very few men acquire them all. Even the greatest of leaders have shortcomings. However, if you possess the majority, you stand a good chance of getting ahead.

Knowledge of what it takes and the energy to apply that knowledge rests with the individual. Remember, the choice is yours to make. Which will you choose—nonentity or leadership?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Much of a person's character is revealed by his speech. Everybody uses certain conventional phrases which express the proper sentiments good persons entertain toward one another in the varying situations of daily life. These phrases are, however, hollow if the heart of him that uses them is empty. The more frequently they are used the greater is the danger that they will become a cheap substitute for the real thing.

We understand and sympathize with youth's delight in big words and pompous phrases. But often persons of a more advanced age indulge in mere phrases when they speak of moral and religious topics, especially when the situation requires words of exhortation, consolation and the like. When they are themselves in need of comfort or encouragement the same phrases which they have adversed so unctuously to others lose their meaning and force. Their truth has not been assimilated by the souls of these persons and have therefore remained empty and barren sounds.

The content, form and expression of a phrase depends on the inner disposition of the speaker. Through the superficiality of much of our speech we have lost the ability to catch the harmony and fine points of the human emotions enshrined in many conventional phrases.

Truthful harmony between what we say and the way in which we say it is the essence of right speech.

By putting off all artifice of speech we touch our innermost soul, we cultivate noble and correct thought and refine our character.

—B. T. Poznanski, Catholic Chaplain

# Red Cross Ramblings

**FOR INSIDERS:** Patients who cannot leave the ward to even step outside have been viewing the gardening activities with a wistful eye. Now the bed patient "green thumbs" have a chance to show their skill with help from the City of Oakland Park Department and its superintendent, Mr. William Penn Mott.

Within the last few years Oakland has achieved a national reputation with its annual garden show and many garden clubs. The Park Department has a collection and display of chrysanthemums among the finest in the world. Experts from this department have offered individual help and materials to the patients of Oak Knoll Hospital through Oakland Red Cross Chapter.

Last week ward 44A saw colored slides of what is possible to achieve in flower growing. Mr Paul Covell, Park Naturalist kept up an interesting commentary as he showed the slides. Then Mr. Robert Ammerman, Head Nurseryman of Lakeside Park, demonstrated with young, potted, cascading chrysanthemums the care necessary to their proper growth. Patient interest was evidenced by the questions which flew thick and fast. Good questions, too which showed that the men already had plenty of "savvy". Although the main subject remained chrysanthemums, there were plenty of questions about roses, begonias, fuchsias and other special interests.

The Park Department expressed willingness to provide plants of any type for interested patients. If you want, individually or as a group, to grow flowers on or about your ward contact your Red Cross recreation worker.

**MORE HOME TALENT!** Patients who are in temporary isolation can't have the benefit of shows or other live talent. So the Discovery of talent among the patients themselves is a big break for their buddies. **Robert Adams, SA** is clever with a pen or pencil and has done some hilarious caricatures of people and situations on the ward so that everyone wonders were his nimble wit will "bust loose" next! **H. I. Chestnut, MEFN** does several types of art work but the most unusual is his talent for costume design. Well, it's the truth that most well-heeled dress designers are men. Women only wear 'em. **Donald F. Holt, Pfc, USMC**, had a birthday party on 50A which was given by his ward mates. Cake, card, and presents were provided by the Red Cross.

**GRAND GENTLEMEN!** When Miss Frances De Camp (featured violin artist at the Sir Francis Drake) strolled up to the bedside of **Fred Peterson**, Veteran, on ward 62A and really "poured the smaltz" on those four violin strings, she was probably unaware that her appreciative lis-

tener is celebrating his 85th birthday tomorrow, Sunday, June 26th. "Pete" as he is affectionately called by his fellow wardmates, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, a life-long resident of San Francisco, the father of four children, and grandfather of Six. Congratulations to a "grand old gentleman"!

**JUDO DEMONSTRATION** which has proved to be one of the most popular events of the Lounge Sports Nights will return Monday night, June 27th. Lots of good cheer and refreshments top off these sports events so be on hand at 7:00 P.M. And don't forget the Folk Dancing on Friday nights.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty births, including one set of twins, were recorded in the Oak Knoll Out-Patient Department during the week of June 12-18. The new arrivals were:

- 12 June
- RUSHWORTH, Mary Elizabeth—To wife of John Rushworth, LT., 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
RICHARDSON, Glenda Diane—To wife of William Richardson, MC3, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.  
PRINCE, Carolyn Mary — To wife of Philip Prince, SGT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
- 13 June
- LANCASTER, Susan Jayne—To wife of Gilbert Lancaster, AD3, 8 pounds.  
AVERY, Susan Lynne—To wife of Donald Avery, BMC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
McGUIRE, Terry Dwayne — To wife of Wilbur McGuire, SK2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
BUTTERS, Wayne Scott — To wife of Billy E. Butters, AD3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
- 15 June
- COON, Charles Lee—To wife of LeRoy Coon, ENS, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
CHARBONEAU, William DeWayne—To wife of William J. Charboneau, SKSN, 8 pounds.
- 16 June
- LOCKWOOD, William Francis—To wife of George Lockwood, PR3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
HOLMAN, Samuel Herbert, Jr.—To wife of Samuel Holman, EN3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.  
ANDERSON, Sally Patricia—To wife of Nelson R. Anderson, LT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
PENDERGRAFT, Elizabeth Mae — To wife of Duane H. Pendergraft, RDSN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- 17 June
- KNIGHT, Robbie, Jr.—To wife of Robbie Knight, YNSN, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.  
KNIGHT, Priscilla Jean—To wife of Robbie Knight, YNSN, 5 pounds.  
HERRINGTON, Gregory Leo—To wife of Lamar C. Herrington, MEC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
HART, Richard Martin — To wife of Eugene R. Hart, FC2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- 18 June
- McCANN, Stephen Douglas—To wife of Richard Lee McCann, EN3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
BLACK, Nancy Elizabeth — To wife of Grover W. Black, AE1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
DUNTON, Mary Leon—To wife of Ernest C. Dunton, AM2, 7 pounds 3 ounces.

## Divine Services

- Protestant:
- Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
- Sunday—
- Sunday School .....1000
- Nursery .....1100
- Church Service .....1100
- Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
- The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
- Catholic:
- Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski
- Sunday Mass—0630, 0900
- Confessions before Mass.
- Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)—1630.
- Thursday Mass—0630
- Saturday Mass—1200
- Novena every Wednesday at 1900
- Christian Science:
- Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
- Jewish:
- Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
- The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.



# Who's Who On The Compound



Currently serving in the Out-Patient Department, LTJG J. B. Miller, MC, recently completed his residency in OB-GYN. He has been on the staff since 13 April 1948 when he reported here from USNH Aiea Heights, F.H.

He attended Central College in Fayette, Missouri, for his pre-med work, and received his MD from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. While attending college he was a member of Phi Chi (medical), Phi Mu (Music) and Beta Sigma (Social) fraternities.

He received his commission in the Navy in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1942. Since then he has seen duty at the Naval Hospital in Shoemaker, California, and Aiea Heights, and was attached to the Fleet Marine Force in Honolulu.

Dr. Miller, his wife Bernadette and daughter Pamela Ann live at 9028 Barcelona, Oakland. His hobbies are music and photography, and for recreation, swimming and dancing are high favorites.



John J. Lalla, HM2, is working hard at being one of the "plank owners" here at Oak Knoll, having been stationed here since April of 1947.

A Californian by birth, (Gridley being the town where his birth was recorded), Lalla enlisted in the Navy in San Francisco on 21 September 1945. He received his recruit indoctrination and eight weeks of instruction at the Hospital Corps School at San Diego. He has also served hospitalside at San Diego and aboard the USS Duluth, (CL-87) for a cruise to the Marianas, the Philippines, China and Japan.

Johnny is married, he and his wife Alice living in the Komandorski Village housing project in Pleasanton.

If any of you dear readers are among the many who hear a roar around the compound early in the morning, we'll tip you off to the cause of the roar. It is an automobile, strange as it may seem, belonging to R. V. Deal, HM3. He calls it his "hot rod" and with good reason too, we might add.

Bob took his first look at this world approximately two decades ago in Reno, Nevada. It was in that same Nevada city that he enlisted in the Navy on 27 August 1947. He crossed the state line and traveled to San Diego for boot camp and Corps School, and from there reported to Oak Knoll on 20 April 1948.

It is only natural that he should be an enthusiastic ski fan, since beautiful Mount Rose is at the door step of his home town. Each winter as the snow hits the ground you can find Deal skimming along the surface of the ice-crusted mountainsides, which is nothing more than a short cut to 41A if you aren't proficient on skis.



At the time his picture was taken, Paul A. Moormeier, HM3, was Night Master-at-Arms on the Main Gate. Since that time, however, the color has come back to his face because he is on days again; working in the office of CMDR Cuttle on Ward 66A.

Paul is a native of Cortland, Nebraska, but when he enlisted in the Navy, he did so in Seattle, Washington, on 4 January, 1947. Boot Camp and Corps School found him in San Diego, and from there it was a trip to USNH Houston, Texas. On 29 April, 1949 he was transferred to Oak Knoll.

Paul lends his softball talents to playing centerfield for the Dental Clinic team here in the station league.



# College Professor Decodes Navy Slang, And He Does A Right Good Job, Too

(SEA)—Expressions used in the every day Navy have entered the realm of scholarly language discussions. Most sailors probably take their slang and jargon as they find it. To a Naval Reserve lieutenant who served afloat and ashore during the war the salty speech is a realization that such folkspeech increases knowledge of a people's life.

The man who takes such an interest in the way sailors talk is Dr. Eli Sobel, a 33-year-old language instructor at the University of California at Los Angeles. He has prepared a paper on Navy talk, incorporating many words and phrases previously unrecorded.

## He's An Authority

By hearing seagoing sailors talk, Dr. Sobel declares, it's not too hard to distinguish the Regular from the Reserve. In his paper he seeks to prove it.

The professor can be considered an authority on the subject, for he spent four vigorous years in the Navy—starting in as an apprentice seaman and emerging a full lieutenant. Known among his academic colleagues as "the most decorated member of the Modern Language Association," Dr. Sobel earned a Silver Star, a Purple Heart and nine combat awards for service in the Pacific.

Taking a sailors' typical day, Dr. Sobel relies on unattested jargon as true naval colloquialisms, rather than glossaries of official U. S. Navy publications. A sailor, having been "flaked out" in his "sack," prepares for the day's routine. Going down to "chow" he's served with "canned cow" (canned milk), "collision mats" (hot cakes), "spuds" (potatoes), "red lead" (ketchup), "sand" (sugar), and maybe "S.O.S." (an unprintable conglomeration), and he'll get his water from the "scuttlebutt."

There's always time for a cup of "Joe" or "jamoke" (coffee). The latter, the lieutenant says, is preferred by Regulars although the coffee urn is always called the "joe pot."

Now our sailor is ready for action. That is, unless he goes down to sickbay and complains of a variety of ailments, words for which are not spoken aloud in polite company.

## Engineers, Aviators

If the crewman is in the engineering division he's a member of the "black gang" and therefore a "snipe," regardless of rate or rank. If he belongs to a deck division he's known as a "deck-ape" and turns to with paint brush or broom. Signal men were known as "flags," and radiomen as "sparks."

Of course, with the advent of aviation new colloquialisms have arisen. He might be a "plane pusher" (flight deck crew), preparing the airplanes for "airdales" or "zoomies" (pilots).

Flying personnel get "flight skins" ("skins" taken directly from the civilian slang for money).

## And The Yeoman

Wherever the Navy might be there are the "pencil pushers" or "feathers" (yeoman) who have their official files. The yeomen also have one unfillable file generally called the "circular file" (waste-paper basket), alluding to papers which are jettisoned forgotten, ignored, or "deep-sixed."

In every outfit there's an "eager beaver," generally described as one who strives to get ahead through honest effort.

There are other expressions, phrases and words Dr. Sobel recites as typically Navy

—"cut the mustard," "banging ears" (currying favor), "scrambled eggs" (gold embroidery on officers' headgear), the "old man" (captain), "feeling no pain" with its many variations as a phrase of approbation.

A "feather merchant," says the Reserve lieutenant, is one who is "literally handed a rank or rate and then given a short course called indoctrination (how to tell an admiral from an ensign)." Many of the Navy's terms frequently used and accepted as salty were lifted bodily from the comic strips, as for example — "feather merchant" taken from "Barney Google and Snuffy Smith" and the term "gedunk stand" (soda fountain) picked up in the 1920's from "Harold Teen."

## Then The Marines

There are other words too, denoting various facets of a sailor's life—"fou fou" (after-shave talc, lotions, pomades), or his alluding to the physical description of one's dream girl. In this latter case the phrase which might be used is "she's bluff in the counter" which is taken directly from an official Navy recognition manual describing a certain type vessel's silhouette.

Not to be left out is a sailor's description of marines who are to be found on larger ships. A marine is a "bell hop" or more fully a "sea-going bell hop." This description is taken, so says the professor, since such a man serves more as an orderly and sentry, performing a variety of true bell-hop duties.

# Station Standings

Standings in the inter-station softball league as of 24 June were as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Staff Officers .....	7	2	.778
Administration Bldg. ...	6	2	.750
Dental Clinic .....	6	2	.750
Port Watch .....	6	3	.667
Property and Acct. ....	3	5	.375
Civil Service .....	2	5	.286
Laboratory .....	2	7	.222
Starboard Watch .....	1	7	.125



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## PREVIEWS

**SUNDAY, 26 JUNE**  
**TAKE ONE FALSE STEP** with William Powell, Shelley Winters and James Gleason (Melodrama)—Powell and Shelley, wartime sweethearts when he was a Colonel in the Army, meet in a bar through her scheming. After luring him to a rendezvous, she disappears, leaving Powell's accidentally bloodstained scarf behind. Under suspicion of murder he travels all over California trying to find Shelley, the bite of whose dog, supposedly mad, has made him a hunted man. He fights gangsters, eludes police, but finally finds Shelley, leaving him with a very unlikely story to tell his wife, Helen. . . . 94 min.

**MONDAY, 27 JUNE**  
**IMPERFECT LADY** with Ray Milland and Teresa Wright. (Comedy)—The replay of this one time popular motion picture is without available information. . . . 97 min.

**TUESDAY, 28 JUNE**  
**LUST FOR GOLD** with Ida Lupino and Glenn Ford. (Good action story)—The story of a young man who set out to discover a \$20,000,000 gold cache in the wild Arizona mountains. Ford, as Jacob Walz, is the young man who gains possession of the treasure by murdering three men. The discovery creates a furore in the Tucson of 1886, but Walz keeps the location a secret. Ida Lupino, married to a weakling, schemes to get the gold but her husband, suspicious of her intentions, forces her to lead him to the mine. Ford, having discovered the woman's perfidy, awaits the pair, and in an exciting climax the woman kills her husband, begs Ford to take her back, and is herself killed with him when the earth crumbles beneath them. . . . 90 in.

**WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE**  
**SO DEAR TO MY HEART** with Bobby Driscoll and Beulah Bondi. (Fantasy)—This is another Disney full-length feature which has both cartoon work and straight acting coupled into it. . . . 84 min.

**THURSDAY, 30 JUNE**  
**JOHNNY ALLEGRO** with George Raft, Nina Foch and Will Greer. (Slick Melodrama)—Johnny Allegro, played by Raft, a Los Angeles hotel florist, becomes more than a little interested in a mysterious guest, Miss Foch. Greer, the treasury man, gives the florist the alternative of helping the government in the case or going back to prison to complete an unfinished sentence. . . . 81 min.

**FRIDAY, 1 JULY**  
**TULSA** with Susan Hayward and Robert Preston. (Drama of Oil)—This is a big-time production, shot in beautiful color, elaborate in execution, roaring with action, terrifyingly real in its impact and tender in its romance. It's an exploitation natural that fills the screen with the drama of gushing oil and which reaches its climax in one of the most impressive fire scenes seen on the screen since the Atlanta fire in "Gone With The Wind." The theme of the film is based on the conflict between the cattle men and the oncoming oil prospectors in the early twenties in Oklahoma when Tulsa was a boom town riding the crest of the oil tide. . . . 90 in.

**SATURDAY, 2 JULY**  
**ROMANCE ON THE HIGH SEAS** with Jack Carson and Janis Paige. (Musical Comedy)—Our second replay of the week. Revues not available in our files.

## The Sporting Scene

Teddy Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, once uttered the immortal phrase, "Speak softly, but carry a big stick." How well this comment on international affairs might apply to the wild and woolly major league races presently being waged in the nation's ballparks.

Several of the clubs, notably the Washington Senators and the Detroit Tigers, were laid to rest by the pre-season dopesters as "soft speakers" and no "big sticks." Where they would eventually finish in the league would only be determined by the generosity of the "big stick" teams.

So what happens at this stage in the race, already a third completed. The soft speaking clubs have developed big sticks and the races are as mixed up as a half completed jig-saw puzzle. And you don't have to look very far to see that the experts were as wrong as they could possibly be.

Prove it, you say. Let's look at the various clubs and their present positions on the pennant ladder.

In the National loop exactly two clubs are playing "normal." One of these was supposedly torn with dissension and had such a poor spring training record that baseball composers were already writing its funeral dirge. We're talking, of course, about the Boston Braves. The defending National League champions at this writing are playing below .500 against only one club, the St. Louis Cardinals. The Redbirds, for that matter, are as hot as the proverbial firecracker and have made it uncomfortable for several of the challengers.

The other nine to whom we refer as a "normal" club happens to be the beloved (?) Dodgers of Brooklyn. The Bums were overwhelming favorites to cop the 1949 flag and are proving to be the club to beat. Young players with hunger in their eyes and power in their "big sticks" are paying off for the venerable Branch Rickey.

Let's see now. . . . The Pittsburgh Pirates under capable Billy Meyer were considered pretty "hot stuff" to finish in the first division. So far, they have not come ahead of any other team. At the start of their second home stand, however, they had lost more than 30 games and were averaging between 10 and 13 games to the rear of the pack.

The famed New York Giant power created a turmoil for the first month and a half—then the roof fell in. A case of good hitting but no pitching.

Over in the junior circuit the "hapless" Bronx Bombers without Joe DiMaggio originally were designated to round up the first division no higher than forth place. But they've led the league practically from the opening gun, at one time maintaining a lead of more than six games.

Despite the convincing manner in which the Cleveland Indians won the 1948 pennant and swept the World Series, it was the Boston Red Sox who were the unanimous favorites to be the new champs. There's not much use in telling you about both the Bosox and the Clevelanders. They have both proved to be major disappointments, so much in fact that the Red Sox have had the riot act read to them by their manager, Joe McCarthy. The Indians, unofficially re-opened the season after 30 contests had been played.

Overall, the one team that figured, at least on paper, to be a total flop was the St. Louis Browns. They, alone, have kept the faith.

If the present trend continues

much longer, you may find quite a few sports writers looking for other trades. It's that tough to attempt picking a winner. See you in October at Ebbets Field . . . er rather, Braves Field and Yankee Stadium . . . or will it be Briggs Stadium in Detroit.

## Welcome and Farewell

The hospital saw a very slight turnover in personnel during the past week, with no changes whatsoever in the enlisted staff, and only four persons affected on the Officer Staff. ENS Nannie M. Rudd, NCR, reported for duty from civilian life.

Four doctors departed, three of them to temporary additional duty at the University of California for a course in Endocrinology. They were CDR Anton Zikmund, MC, CDR William S. Francis, MC, and LTJG Harold P. Johnson, MC. LTJG David L. Taber was separated from the service.

Doctor: "How's the patient this morning?"

Corpsman: "I think he's regaining consciousness. He tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

## Sun's Smiling Scorch Sad, Say Scientists Seriously

New York (AFPS)—Sun worshippers won't like this—and they probably won't believe it.

But that golden bronze acquired by hours of lolling in the sun is mainly just a morale booster.

Of course, scientists hasten to add, there are benefits derived from the sun. Fresh air, relaxation, vitamin D, and the psychological kick of looking fit and healthy are all aids to one's well being.

What happens when the sun scorches you is this. Sunburn is caused by the shorter ultra-violet rays of the sun. They break down the tiny blood vessels beneath the skin resulting in a tight red skin or burn. Mechanically, it is the same as a stove burn.

Oddly, the best place to acquire that golden bronze tan is in the snow. There are fewer ultraviolet rays in the winter, but the snow is their best reflector. What gets through to the pigment of your skin is concentrated.

Cloudy days are treacherous. So are windy days. Many sunburn victims don't realize that ultraviolet rays penetrate clouds easily.

Beginners are advised by authorities to take it easy. Ten or 15 minutes is plenty for the first exposure. Some have more delicate skin than others and should regulate exposure accordingly.

Reason and common sense can avoid much pain and misery.

Use it.

A caveman is a guy that treats his girl like an auto carburetor . . . He chokes her when she's cold.



"Oh! A wise guy, huh?"